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BRITAIN APPROVES TEXT OF LOCARNO POWERS' AGREEMENT

AMERICAN FLOOD TERRIBLE HAVOC REPORTED 200,000 PEOPLE HOMELESS WASHINGTON PREPARING FOR GRAVE CRISIS

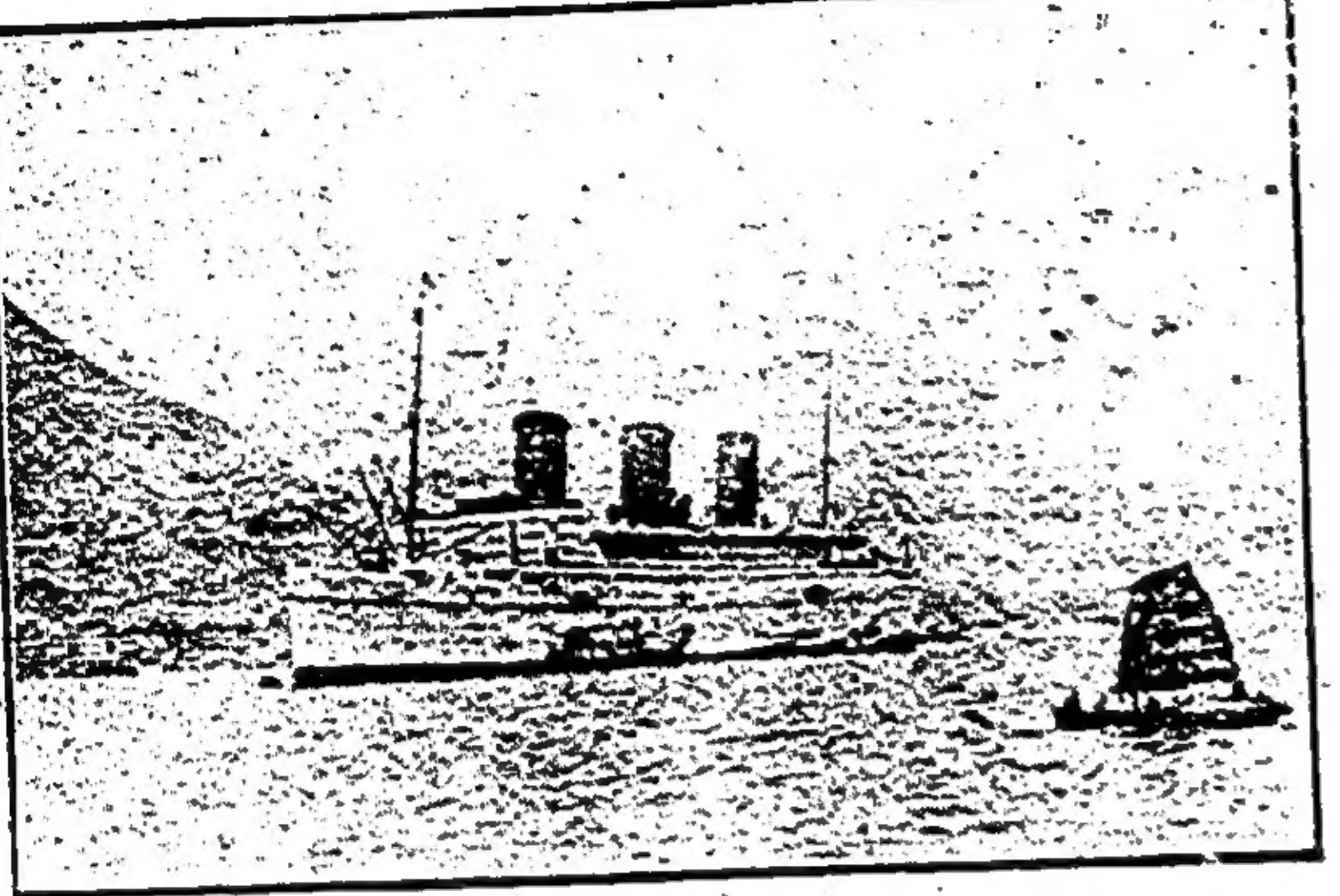
New York, To-day.
Some 94 people are known to be dead and the damage is estimated at \$150,000,000 from the floods. About 200,000 people are homeless in 11 States. For a distance of 200 miles the panic-stricken population on both sides of the Ohio River have taken to the hills.
In Pittsburgh alone the damage amounts to \$25,000,000. The city is without newspapers or communications. There is no light, heat and electricity, all having failed in the city, which is strewn with debris. A large part is still submerged.
Washington is preparing for a crisis. The Potomac continues steadily to rise. President Roosevelt has postponed his departure on a fishing trip to Florida, and has issued a proclamation appealing for \$3,000,000 as a relief fund.
At Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania, a series of deafening explosions rocked the town as the flood waters invaded it, and thousands fled in panic. One house crowded with refugees crashed, and 30 people were injured.

EFFECTS ON TIN STOCKS
London: The disastrous floods in Pittsburgh may affect the tin position, at least temporarily, since it is the centre of 75 per cent. of the American tinplate industry, which accounts for around 29,000 tons, nearly half America's annual consumption. London dealers have received reports that owing to the difficulty of communications it is impossible to ascertain the full extent of the damage, but consumption will at best be retarded. It is pointed out that this may accelerate the building up of stocks to some degree.
The London market responded cheerfully and eased 15s. yesterday.

DEATH ROLL MOUNTING
New York, Later: The death toll from the floods is now at least 140.—Reuter.
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HONG KONG'S "MUI TSAI"

CONFLICTING PRESS VIEWS
London, To-day.
In a leading article on the report of the committee on the mui tsai system in Hong Kong, The Times says that all the committee's recommendations are well-intentioned and the suggested appointment of an official guardian is essentially sound. But the difficulties are manifold and multi-form and it is hardly surprising that the White Paper holds out no hope of eradicating a custom sponsored by centuries of tradition, which, though repugnant in theory, is in practice more often beneficial than the reverse.
On the other hand Sir John Harris, in an article in the Daily Herald, declares that no reform of this slavery will prevent cruelty. The system of ownership must go.—Reuter.



The Empress of Britain, seen here on her fourth visit last year, arrived in Hong Kong this morning with a host of passengers.

LABOUR GAINS A SEAT

Mr. Cassells Has Narrow Win In By-Election
London, To-day.
The Dunbartonshire by-election resulted as follows:—
Mr. Cassells, Labour, 20,137.
Mr. Duffe, Conservative, 19,203.
Mr. Gray, Scottish Nationalist, 2,599.
Labour gain.—British Wireless Service.

"EMPRESS OF BRITAIN" Valuable "Cargo" On Board VISITORS ASSURED OF HEARTY WELCOME

The ancient art treasures of China, carried by H.M.S. Suffolk all the way from "far Cathay" to London, have probably ranked hitherto as the most valuable cargo ever carried by a ship, even in comparison with Masfield's "peacocks, apes and ivory" from ancient Nineveh. But that claim will have to give way now to the priceless human cargo of the R.M.S. Empress of Britain, which arrived in port this morning on her fifth world cruise. For we are told that the ship carries no fewer than 350 tourists, worth over £50,000,000 and including 30 millionaires, on her present trip.
And if that were not enough to make the journey unusual and exciting, there are also many young and attractive girls on the liner and at least one real rarity—a woman who can get ready to go round the world in four days: Mrs. F. A. Fenning, wife of the Commissioner of Police of the District of Columbia, who was given just exactly that length of time to prepare for the trip by her husband.
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BOAT RACE

Oxford's First Trial Over Full Course
London, To-day.
Oxford rowed the full course of the Boat Race, from Putney to Mortlake, in a trial yesterday, but took 21 minutes 4 seconds, despite good conditions.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

NEW SOLICITOR-GENERAL

London, To-day.—The Conservative member of the House of Commons for Central Nottingham, Mr. T. J. O'Connor, K.C., has been appointed Solicitor-General, replacing Sir Donald Somervell, appointed Attorney-General yesterday.—Reuter.

PERSONALITIES ON "BRITAIN"

Sir Malcolm McAlpine Pays Visit
ENTIRE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY ON TRIP
One of the most notable passengers on the Empress of Britain is Sir Malcolm McAlpine, head of the great firm of Sir Robert McAlpine & Co., Government Contractors and Engineers. Sir Malcolm is accompanied by Lady McAlpine and their three sons, Robin, Malcolm and Kenneth, the eldest of whom is a director of the firm.
Up to the present this great firm has been responsible for no less than £170,000,000 worth of work, chiefly docks and tunnels. Docks include Southampton, Tilbury and Millwall, London, and Takoradi Harbour, Gold Coast, while part of the great Mersey tunnel was constructed also by them. Other rivers under which they have driven tunnels are the Thames, Tyne, Clyde and Liffey, Dublin.
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LINKING K.C.R. WITH HANKOW?
Matter Still Undecided Declares Official
"A SMALL MATTER"
[From Our Own Correspondent]
Canton, To-day.
"The loop-line issue was not discussed," declared Mr. Chang Chia-ngan, Minister of Railways, when asked yesterday afternoon whether there was any possibility of joining the Canton-Hankow Railway with the Canton-Kowloon Railway.
"This is a small matter," added Minister Chang. "If the people of Kwangtung are against this line, their wishes will be respected."
Mr. Chang stated that he discussed with Canton officials the matter of a branch line of the Canton-Hankow Railway to Whampoa and another one linking the coal mine at Dog's Teeth Cave in South Hunan with the main trunk line. The two lines are for the development of Whampoa and the opening of the coal mines respectively, the official explained.
The Railway Minister left yesterday by the 1 p.m. express for Hong Kong and will sail aboard the Empress of Asia for Shanghai this morning.
Dog's Teeth Cave has rich deposits of coal.
Exploration is to be undertaken by the Provincial Department of Reconstruction here under a special franchise granted by the Hunan Provincial Government.

TRADE FAIR IN HONG KONG
Half Space Reserved For Britain
MRS. THOMPSON'S REPORT
London, To-day.
The forthcoming British trade exhibition in Hong Kong and the British trade opportunities in South China were the subject of an address by Mrs. Beatrice Thompson at a meeting of the House of Commons China Committee, presided over by Lord Winterton.
Mrs. Thompson said that British manufacturers had now engaged half the total space reserved for Britain at the Exhibition. The rest of the space would be allotted for Australian, New Zealand and Canadian exhibitors.—Reuter.

HOME SOCCER RESULTS
London, To-day.—Leicester City, playing at home, beat Newcastle by a goal to nil, while in the Third Division (South) Newport, also at home, beat Gillingham by 4 goals to 2.—Reuter.
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TWO VITAL AMENDMENTS RELIEVE TENSION DISPUTE TO BE REFERRED TO HAGUE COURT OF JUSTICE GENERAL SATISFACTION ON CONTINENT

London, To-day.
With one abstention, Chile, the League Council adopted unanimously the Franco-Belgian resolution yesterday.
Opening the session Mr. Stanley Bruce, High Commissioner for Australia in London and concurrently Chairman of the Council, speaking for Australia, said that Herr von Ribbentrop's statement had not altered his view that it was his duty to support the resolution. He expressed the opinion that MM. Flandin and Van Zeeland had shown great moderation in the face of trying circumstances.

WANG CHING-WEI BETTER Second Bullet To Be Removed

MR. HU'S FUTURE STILL UNCERTAIN
[From Our Own Correspondent]
Canton, To-day.
Mr. Wang Ching-wei, former President of the Executive Yuan, has sent a cablegram from Marseille to Mr. Hu Han-min in Canton stating that he is in better health now but will have to remain in Europe until the second bullet lodged in his ribs is removed.
General Chiang Kai-shek has taken over the Presidency of the Executive Yuan and is said to be willing to turn it over to Mr. Hu Han-min should he go to Nanking.
In view of the complicated situation in Nanking, Mr. Hu Han-min has not made any preparations to go there at present. Mr. Hu's proposals for co-operation with General Chiang are being brought to Nanking through Dr. Wang Chung-hui, who will sail from Hong Kong to-day aboard the Italian motor vessel Victoria for Shanghai.
It is doubtful whether Mr. Hu's proposals will be accepted in view of their sweeping nature. Sino-Japanese relations are the highlights of the proposals, it is understood.

After the vote the Chairman invited the three Locarno signatories to express their opinions, though their votes would not be recorded. Herr von Ribbentrop declared that if his statement of the morning were considered more fully by the Council they would come to a different decision. He was convinced that the Council resolution would not be maintained in the judgment of history.
M. Flandin replied that under international law nobody was entitled to judge his own cause. He reiterated his willingness, if Germany desired it, to submit the dispute to the Hague. The Council then adjourned to to-day.

CABINET MEETING TO-DAY
London: There was a further meeting of the Cabinet at 10 p.m. yesterday and another is expected this morning. Both meetings will discuss the agreed proposals of the Locarno Powers, concerning which Mr. Anthony Eden will make a statement in the House of Commons between 3 and 4 p.m. to-day.

TWO VITAL AMENDMENTS
It is understood that two vital amendments were made in the Locarno agreement yesterday, namely, the dropping of the clauses regarding the international occupation, and the French demand for the withdrawal of some German troops. The agreement was 'initialled' but will not be signed until it has received the approval of the British and French Governments. M. Flandin and Mr. Eden are expected to announce these terms in the Chamber and House of Commons respectively to-day.

FRENCH PRESS COMMENTS
Cautious Treatment Of Situation
WORLD NOW PAYING FOR EARLIER MISTAKES
-CHINA MAIL- SPECIAL
Paris, To-day.
The evening newspapers report at great length on yesterday's developments in London, but take great caution, not to form any decisive opinion, declaring that it is necessary to await M. Flandin's declaration to be in possession of all essential facts.

One paper, "l'Information," addresses the French public with great frankness, telling its countrymen to look at the facts of the present situation coolly, instead of losing their heads by jumping at conclusions. Exaggerated pessimism is altogether unjustified. If one does not want to have to negotiate with Herr Hitler to-day, one ought to have negotiated with Dr. Brüning earlier.
After the "condemnation of Germany" for the breach of the Locarno Treaty, the breach will have to be filled again. It is not possible to keep 65,000,000 people in a humiliating and dependent position. In occupying the Ruhr and in taking away Germany's colonies mistakes were made for which the world is to-day suffering.

OBVIOUS CHOICE
Paris: "If England had to choose between Herr Hitler and M. Stalin, the choice would undoubtedly fall upon the Fuehrer." Never has public opinion in England been more in favour of Germany than now," declares Madame Tabouis, foreign political correspondent of "l'Oeuvre," in commenting last night on the state and atmosphere of the German delegation found awaiting them.
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HOME RUGBY RESULTS
London, To-day.—Middlesex, at home, beat Oxfordshire by 19 points to 18 in their Rugby Union match yesterday, while Swansea, also at home, beat Cardiff 26 to 0.—Reuter.



In his short speech at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, above, indicated that he was generally in sympathy with the motion introduced by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, that reductions and retrenchments in the local civil service are desirable and necessary.

DESPERATE BATTLE AMBA ALAGI ENGAGEMENT Abyssinians Claim Holding Own

NEGUS' 20-HOUR DAY
Addis Ababa, To-day.
Desperate fighting is proceeding around Amba Alagi. The Italians are reported to be trying to press on towards Lake Ashangi, but they are encountering vigorous counter-attacks. The Abyssinians claim to be holding their ground, although it is admitted that both sides are suffering heavily.
The Emperor is reported to be directing the Ethiopian operations 20 hours daily. He is quite undisturbed by the heavy artillery and aeroplane bombardments.—Reuter's Bulletin Service.

COMMITTEE TO MEET
London: The League Conciliation Committee of Thirteen, set up in connection with the Italo-Abyssinian dispute, will meet in London this afternoon.—British Wireless Service.

RAINS ARRIVING
Rome: Italian newspapers report from Asmara that rain has begun to fall on the Abyssinian high plateau. Other messages state that the Negus has left his headquarters in Dessie since the town was abandoned by the civil population. The whereabouts of the Negus is kept a close secret.

NOTHING OF IMPORTANCE
Rome: Nothing of any importance has happened on either the Eritrean or the Somali front in East Africa, states the Italian official war bulletin No. 159, except that one Italian bombing plane was hit by the enemy's fire during an action on the Eritrean front, but was able to escape over the lines, and the inmates, except one, who was unhurt, sustained slight injuries.—Trans-Ocean Service.

MT. EVEREST EXPEDITION

Departure For Base Camp
Gantok, Sikkim, To-day.
After completing the final preparations, this year's Everest expedition, under the leadership of Mr. Hugh Rutledge, has left for the base camp, which it will probably reach about the middle of April. The expedition hopes to make an attempt to reach the summit any time after May 22.—Reuter.

QUEEN'S

To-morrow at 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30.

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SIDNEY**

'MARY BURNS, FUGITIVE'
A Paramount Picture with
MELVYN DOUGLAS - ALAN BAXTER

NEXT CHANGE:—Kay Francis in "GOOSE AND THE GANDER"



Wallace Beery, Lionel Barrymore, Spring Byington and Aline MacMahon are in "Ah Wilderness," which will be shown at the King's Theatre on Sunday.

Short Shots

THE "Miracle Child" Shigley Temple has now started as a Radio star. This will bring in a few more thousand per week to the lucky but adorable child.

Richard Dix is considering an offer to play the lead in a big Australian production, "The Flying Doctor." He will not go unless wife and twin sons accompany him. It is rumored that "Charles Farrell (who will ever forget 'Seventh Heaven') will also be a star in a Sydney studio where Helen Twelvetrees is at present.

As Robert Montgomery has been forbidden to play polo by M.G.M. he has taken up "golfing" and hopes to possess a glider soon.

That clever child-actress Edith Fellows is the daughter of Rock-cliff Fellows, who was at one time well known on the screen. She has been acting since she was three.

Leslie Howard is leaving four centuries of tradition and playing "Romeo" with his own light hair. Executives looked up history and found that many natives of Lombardy were fair-haired and blue-eyed.

Jean Arthur is certainly having the breaks her talent deserves. She is to be the leading lady in "Opera Hat" with Gary Cooper. Frank Capra will direct.

Charles King, who will be remembered by the film fans who saw



Frank Parker is in "Sweet Surrender," the musical extravaganza showing at the Central Theatre to-morrow, in addition to the famous Chin Lee Trompe.

GINGER ROGERS CHARMS IN "IN PERSON"

SYLVIA SYDNEY DOES GREAT WORK IN "MARY BURNS, FUGITIVE"

KATHERINE HEPBURN AND CHARLES BOYER PLEASE IN "BREAK OF HEARTS"

By Diane

"Whispering Smith Speaks"

It seems strange to us now to see adorable Ginger Rogers without Fred Astaire, but the lovely star is quite capable of stepping out on her own if she be provided with worthy material. R.K.O. have provided another famous dancer to partner Mr. Astaire in his future films, but they have hardly been so kind to Miss Rogers. In "In Person" she has to dance alone, sing alone, and carry the whole responsibility of the film's success upon her slim shoulders.

Miss Rogers has a flair for comedy, and proved it in a "A Star of Midnight," with William Powell, but in her latest picture there are no new situations, and far too little comedy. If you can call a grotesque make-up (which is specially far-fetched in the opening sequences) very amusing and if you do not mind seeing the pretty girl risking what she describes as an "ouch face" — some of the old stuff like the struggles to light a fire, with the usual dire result of black face, struggles to cook piling up the dirty dishes, and similar scenes — then you will thoroughly enjoy this light comedy.

There are some digs at movie-queens with grand opinions of themselves, two excellent dance numbers by the star, and some surprisingly good singing. Miss Rogers has a few chances to show off the Bernard Newman gown; and it was with a sigh of relief that I saw her discard the hideous make-up for good and show us the pretty girl we all love.

George Brent shares most of the scenes with Miss Rogers; in fact they are the whole show. Grant Mitchell, Alan Mowbray, Joan Breslau (an impish-looking child) and Samuel Hinds have a few lines apiece. There are no film fans who will not want to see Miss Rogers in this picture, but the rather improbable romance — with far too little music — no glamorous sets and a small cast hardly gives the star a chance of showing her qualities. She works hard and with the help of Mr. Brent succeeds in giving us a pleasant, mildly amusing evening.

There is no need to enter into the story: I leave you to go to the Alhambra yourself and form your own opinion. I can only add this — that I do think R.K.O. could have given Miss Rogers a stronger story, cast and production, and I feel assured that in Mr. Astaire's first vehicle (with Miss Harriet Hoctor) he will be surrounded with all the details that make up similar shows to "Roberta," "Top Hat" and his other hits. All the Rogers-admirers will admit that the star gives her usual charming and lively performance, so it matters not that, I personally was not satisfied. (Alhambra)

"Break Of Hearts"

Katherine Hepburn has myriads of admirers, and equally she has "movie fans" who intensely dislike her. She is at least something different in female stars and her pictures are always worth seeing, because one never really knows what to expect from this temperamental, moody artiste. Here we have her equalling her still-greatest part in "Morning Glory," in the first reels of this R.K.O. vehicle. She is co-starred with the new screen sensation, the charming Continental star Charles Boyer (liked here in "Private Worlds"), and that is giving her a No. 1 chance to make the whole thing worth while.

The story is sentimental to a degree, and the parts in the latter part of the film are not worthy of the stars' talent. I dislike telling the story, but it gives Katherine a chance to run the gamut of emotion. There are tears and there are smiles, and willing helpers in the surrounding cast.

I, being a woman, specially advise this picture, as it is the kind that appeals more to my sex. Still it is fairly good entertainment and at least these two stars have their following of "fans." John Beal, Jean Herscholt, the late Sam Hardy, Inez Courtney, Fernand Gottschalk and others help in the success. (King's)

Again we have George O'Brien proving that out in the West men are men, and prefer women like Irene Ware. He's given up horse-back riding this time and tears round the country in a locomotive. It seems that our hero is weary of his father's millions made in railroads and wants to make a fortune on his own; and then the girl comes into his life.

An O'Brien picture can always be counted upon for good entertainment, and this is an entertaining story with a full share of action, suspense and comedy. Besides Miss Ware, who does her best acting with O'Brien, there are Frank Sheridan, Maude Allen, Spencer Charters, and Vic Fotel. You can take the family to this picture and be sure to enjoy it yourself. (Alhambra)

"Ah, Wilderness"

Eugene O'Neill's stage play is beautifully and tenderly brought to the screen. If you like an evening where you can find simple enjoyment without too much action and theatricalism, then you have it in this charming home life of a simple Connecticut family in 1906.

Lionel Barrymore is truly magnificent as the understanding father of a large family and is ideally cast. His scenes with his son, Eric Linden, are specially touching. All the cast are to be highly commended, but young Linden, Spring Byington, Wallace Beery (as the tipsy brother), Aline MacMahon, Frank Albertson, Cecilia Parker and Bonita Granville are outstanding. (King's)

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CECILIA PARKER **SPRING BYINGTON**



A scene from the RKO picture, "Break of Hearts," which is being shown at the King's Theatre to-day.



Tamara is in the Universal production, "Sweet Surrender," which is now being shown at the Central Theatre.



George O'Brien is the hero in "Whispering Smith Speaks," which will be shown at the Alhambra Theatre soon.



Tamara and Frank Parker are in the Universal musical production, "Sweet Surrender," which will be shown at the Central Theatre to-morrow.

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Each tender must be accompanied by a receipt to the effect that the tenderer has deposited in the Colonial Treasury a sum of \$50 as a pledge of the bona fides of his offer, which sum shall be forfeited to the Crown, if the tenderer refuses to carry out his tender and comply with the conditions, should the tender be accepted.

Form of tender and further particulars can be obtained from the office of the Director of Public Works.

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

A. G. W. TICKLE,
Director of Public Works.
Hong Kong, 13th March, 1936.

GENERAL NOTICES

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THE REGISTER OF DEBENTURES will be closed from MONDAY, the 23RD MARCH, to MONDAY, the 30TH MARCH, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of DEBENTURES can be registered.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE SIXTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on FRIDAY, the 27th March, 1936, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1935.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th March 1936, both days inclusive.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 30th March, 1936, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1935.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 21st to 30th March, 1936, both days inclusive.

By Order of The Board of Directors.
E. COCK,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 12th March, 1936.

CHINESE ESTATES, LIMITED
THIRTEENTH ORDINARY
YEARLY MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's Office at China Buildings (5th floor) Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 2nd April, 1936, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and a Statement of Account for the year ending 29th February, 1936, and of electing two directors and an auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 26th March to the 2nd April, 1936, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
FUNG PING FAN,
Director & Secretary.
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1936.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY
LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

THE THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Building, on WEDNESDAY, 8th April 1936 at noon for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1935.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 28th March to 8th April 1936, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 18th March, 1936.



TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (845 K.C.'s).

A Jazz Piano Recital by Doreen Ma. Relay of B.B.C. Dance Orchestra. 12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Recorded Programme.

1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletin.
Rugby Press News, etc.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6-6.30 p.m.—Children's Studio Concert.

7-11 p.m.—European Programme.
7-7.15 p.m.—"Escapes" (Obert) played by the Orchestra des Concerts Suraam.

7.17-7.30 p.m.—A Recital by Frank Titterton (Tenor).
1. In an Old Fashioned Town (Squire).
2. My Dear Soul (Sanderson).
3. Ashore (Bingham).
4. Beauty's Eyes (Tosti).

7.30-7.50 p.m.—Hawaiian Music. Sweet Hawaiian Maid (Johnson). Hawaiian Paradise (Owens). A Ukulele.
Hawaiian Love—Waltz.
Oh! Rosalita.
Hawaiian Stars are Gleaming.

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report; Closing Local Stock Quotations.
8.05-8.30 p.m.—Song Memories. Tunes of not-so-long-ago.
The Japanese Sandman.
Alexander's Ragtime Band.
Irving Berlin Waltz Songs Medley.

8.30-9.20 p.m.—A Relay from Daventry.
8.30 p.m.—The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra, directed by Henry Hall.
9 p.m.—Daventry News Bulletin (Copyright by Reuter).

9.20-9.30 p.m.—"C. B. Cochran Medley."
9.30-9.40 p.m.—"Archibald Joyce" Waltzes (arr. Deboy Somers).
9.40-10 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Jazz Piano Recital by Doreen Ma.

Programme
1. Believe it or Not.
2. My Body.
3. If it isn't Love.
4. Sweet Sue.
5. Pardon My Love (by request).
6. East of the Sun.
10 p.m.—Big Ben.
10.11 p.m.—Dance Music.
11 p.m.—Close Down.

Company Meetings

CHINA ENTERTAINMENT &
LAND INVESTMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor, on MONDAY, the 30th day of March, 1936, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Directors' Report, and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1935, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

And Notice is Further Hereby Given that the Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED, from the 23rd to the 30th day of March, 1936, both days inclusive.

LIANG CHI HAO,
Managing Director.
Hong Kong, 19th March, 1936.

NOTICE

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN &
MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders in the Company will be held in the Jacobean Room, 1st floor, Hong Kong Hotel Pedder Street, Hong Kong on FRIDAY, 27th March 1936 at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended December 31st 1935; Electing Directors and Auditors, and for the transaction of any other Ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE is also hereby given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY 17th March 1936 until FRIDAY 27th March 1936, both days inclusive, during which period no transfers of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board.
D. L. KING,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 14th March, 1936.

BRIDGE NOTES

THE SHIFT
BID

By Ely Culbertson

The shift bid is a favourite trick of Contract Bridge players, and before Contract was played it was used by Auction players. Briefly defined, a shift bid is the bid of a player's weakest suit made with the purpose of discouraging the opponents from bidding that suit, though it may be their strongest. The shift idea develops if a penalty double is made, for then the bidder returns to a genuinely strong suit in his hand. Obviously, the shift bid is only the common garden variety of psychic. Against timid players who often do not double when they should, it may at times be used freely and successfully.

North, Dealer.

East and West vulnerable.

S. 7 3

D. A 10 7 6 4 3 2

C. A K 4

S. Q 10 5 2 N. S. A K J 9 8 4

H. Q J 7 6 4 W. E. H. 8 5 2

D. 9 5 S. D. K Q J

C. 8 3 C. J

S. 6

H. K 10 9 3

D. 8

C. Q 10 9 7 6 5 2

The bidding:

North East South West

1D. Dbl. 1S. 2H.

3D. Pass 4C. Pass

5C. Dbl. Redbl. Pass

Pass Pass

When East made a takeout double of North's opening bid, South saw that unless North happened to be very strong, the defensive balance of power was more likely to rest with East-West than with his side. There was a strong possibility that in their best suit East and West might even have a game. This was the reason why South bid one spade. He thought this might guide West away from a normal spade take-out and if doubled, South planned to run to clubs.

The spade bid threw both of his opponents out of gear. West was too shy of honour-tricks to double, but was able to bid two hearts. When North rebid his diamonds, East was afraid to venture a three-spade bid and merely passed. South now showed his seven-card club suit and North carried it to game. This was too much for East, and he doubled, feeling that at worst he would make two tricks in spades and one in diamonds. Even South's redouble did not furnish sufficient warning and East stuck by his guns. Alas for East! Not only did he fail to stop the game; he did not even take a trick. Had a spade been opened, he could have won the first trick, but West opened a heart. Declarer proceeded calmly to establish dummy's diamond suit and discard his small heart on the establish cards.

LOCAL TRAFFIC
ACCIDENTSTwo People Killed
Last Week

Two people were killed and 19 injured in 32 traffic accidents reported to the police during the week ended March 14. One person lost his life in a collision between vehicles and the other when jumping on or off, or falling off, a vehicle when in motion, six people being injured from these two causes during the week.

Seven people were injured when running on the roadway, one when appearing from behind another vehicle, three while walking on the roadway, one in a collision between vehicles which also entailed damage to property, and one when a vehicle mounted the footpath.



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To-day's Short Story

THE PERFECT
CRIME

By Leslie
Charteris

"THE defendants," said Mr. Justice Goldie, with evident distaste, "have been unable to prove that the agreement between the plaintiff and the late Alfred Green constituted a money-lending transaction within the limits of the Act; and I am therefore obliged to give judgment for the plaintiff. I will consider the question of costs to-morrow."

The Saint tapped Peter Quentin on the shoulder as the court rose, and they slipped out ahead of the scanty assembly of spectators, bored reporters, dawdling solicitors, and traditionally learned counsel. Simon Templar had sat in that stuffy little room for two hours, bruising his marrow-bones on an astonishingly hard wooden bench and yearning for a cigarette; but there were times when he could endure many discomforts in a good cause.

Outside, he caught Peter's arm again. "Mind if I take another look at our plaintiff?" he said. "Just over here—stand in front of me. I want to see what a surge like that really looks like."

They stood in a gloomy corner near the door of the court, and Simon sheltered behind Peter. Quentin's hefty frame and watched James Deever come out with his solicitor.

It is possible that Mr. Deever's mother loved him. Perhaps, holding him on her knee, she saw in his childish face the fulfilment of all those precious hopes and shy, incommunicable dreams which (if we can believe the "Little Mothers' Weekly") are the joy and comfort of the prospective parent. His story does not tell us that. But we do know that since her death, thirty years ago, no other bosom had ever opened to him with anything like that sublime mingling of pride and affection.

He was a long, cadaverous man, with a face like a vulture and shaggy white eyebrows over close-set greenish eyes. His thin nose swooped low down over a thin slash of a mouth, and his chin was pointed and protruding. In no respect whatsoever was it the kind of countenance to which young children take an instinctive shine. Grown men and women, who knew him, liked him even less.

His home and business address were in Manchester; but the City Corporation had never been heard to boast about it. Simon Templar watched him walk slowly past, discussing some point in the case he has just won with the air of a person conferring with a churchwarden after matins, and the pecking hypocrisy of the performance filled him with an almost irresistible desire to kick Mr. Deever down the stairs. The Manchester City Corporation, Simon considered, could probably have kept their end up without Mr. Deever's name on the roll of ratepayers. But the Saint restrained himself, and went on peacefully with Peter Quentin five minutes afterwards.

"Let us drink beer," said the Saint.

They entered a convenient tavern, lighting cigarettes as they went, and found a secluded corner in the saloon bar. The court had sat on late, and the hour had struck at which it is lawful for Englishmen to consume the refreshment which can only be bought at any time of the day in

EDUCATIONAL
TOURS
Commercial School
Activities

In pursuance of the enlargement of the scope of the programme for the school commercial activities, the Chun-Shing Institute of Commerce is inaugurating an educational tour to different industrial and commercial firms in the Colony for the purpose of acquainting the student body with actual business management and conditions as they actually exist at present.

The Members of the Faculty and the students of different classes of the above Institute will pay a Association will be held on Thursday next at 5.30 p.m. in Prof. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., and Forster's room (School of Chinese Studies) at the University. Mr. Nam Yung Tobacco Co., Ltd. and the Printing Works of the Commercial Press, Ltd., on Monday.

nasty uncivilised foreign countries. And for a few minutes there was silence.

"It's wonderful what you can do with the full sanction of the law," Peter Quentin said presently, in a rather sourly reflective tone; and the Saint smiled at him wryly. He knew that Peter was not thinking about the more obvious inanities of the Defence of the Realm.

"I rather wanted to get a good close-up of James, and watch him in action," he said. "I guess all the stories are true."

There were several stories about James Deever; but none of them ever found their way into print—for libel actions means heavy damages, and Mr. Deever sailed very comfortably within the law. His business was plainly and publicly that of a moneylender, and as a moneylender he was duly and legally registered according to the Act which has done so much to bring the profession of usury within certain humane restrictions. And as a plain and registered moneylender Mr. Deever retained his offices in Manchester, superintending every detail of his business in person, trusting nobody, sending out beautifully-worded circulars in which he proclaimed his readiness to lend anybody any sum from £10 to £50,000 on note of hand alone, and growing many times richer than the Saint thought anyone but himself had any right to be. Nevertheless, Mr. Deever's business would probably have escaped the Saint's attentions if those few facts had covered the whole general principle of it.

They didn't. Mr. Deever, who, in spite of the tenor of his artistically-printed circulars, was not in the money-lending business on account of any urge to go down to mythology as the little fairy godmother of Manchester, had devised half a dozen ingenious and strictly legal methods of evading the limitations placed on him by the Act. The prospective borrower who came to him, full of faith and hope, for the loan of £10 to £50,000 was frequently obliged—not, one must admit, on his note of hand alone, but eventually on the basis of some very sound security. And if

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SPECIAL H.K.
NUMBERFebruary Issue
Of "Roda"MANY ARTICLES AND
PICTURES

The February number of "Roda," the magazine of the Rotary Clubs of Malaya and Siam, has just been issued. It will be remembered that the managing editor of the paper, Mr. Richard Sidney, was recently in Hong Kong in connection with the production of this special number, and the issue contains a number of special articles from his pen dealing with life in the Colony in all its varied aspects.

Among them are "Hong Kong and its attractions," "Where to stay in Hong Kong," and "The new Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank." There is also an article describing the rail trip from Hong Kong to Canton and another recounting the experience of a flight from here to Penang.

The issue, as usual, also contains a number of book reviews and reports of addresses delivered at various Rotary Clubs in Malaya, including a most learned examination of Shakespeare's "Brutus," by Mr. L. A. S. Jernyn, a well-known and much respected member of the Malayan Education Service. The Hong Kong portion of the magazine is profusely illustrated with a number of excellent photographs of local interest.

A meeting of the Chinese Section of the Hong Kong Teachers' Association will be held on Thursday next at 5.30 p.m. in Prof. A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., and Forster's room (School of Chinese Studies) at the University. Mr. Nam Yung Tobacco Co., Ltd. and the Printing Works of the Commercial Press, Ltd., on Monday.

MAIL SCHEDULES

AIR MAIL

Imperial Airways via Singapore
Bangkok-Amsterdam via Singapore
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Correspondence will be accepted for transmission by these services. Rates and all particulars are shown in the schedules exhibited at the Post Office. All letters etc., must be marked "By Air Mail" and be handed in at the Post Office.

CHINESE DOMESTIC AIR MAIL
SERVICE FROM CANTON.

Letters will be accepted at Hong Kong for transmission by the Chinese Domestic Air Mail Service from Canton to all places in China at the rate of \$1.00 per half ounce unit. The charge is inclusive of the regular postage.

The hours of closing mails for this service at the G.P.O. are:
Canton-Shanghai (via Swatow)—Wednesdays and Saturdays, Reg. 10 a.m. Ordinary 10.30 a.m.
Canton-Kiungchow-Nanning—Mondays and Fridays, Reg. 10 a.m. Ordinary 10.30 a.m.
Canton-Lungchow—Saturdays, Reg. 4.30 p.m. Ordinary 5.00 p.m.
Tuesdays and Thursdays, Reg. 10 a.m. Ordinary 10.30 a.m.
At Kowloon Central Post Office the mails will be closed 15 hours before the above times.

The Money Order Office is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. except on Saturdays when it closes at 12 noon and on Sundays and holidays when it is entirely closed.

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Scharnhorst 27
Somali 27
Pres. Harrison 27
Emp. of Canada 27
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FROM STRAITS & INDIA

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Tsunahima Maru 22
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Nagato Maru 28

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Montevideo Maru (Imperial Service) 23
Closes: Reg. 1 p.m. Ord. 1.30 p.m.
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Closes: Reg. 10 a.m. Ord. 10.30 a.m.

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Montevideo Maru 23

FOR SHANGHAI

Mar.
Nalders 20
Victoria 20
Pres. Coolidge 23

FOR JAPAN

Mar.
Nalders 20
Kamo Maru 20
Pres. Coolidge 23

FOR MANILA

Mar.
Pres. Jackson 21
Emp. of Canada 27
Atsuta Maru 27

FOR U.S.A.

Mar.
Nalders 20
Pres. Coolidge 23

FOR AUSTRALIA

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Atsuta Maru 27

Sporting Page

INDIA DEFEATED IN LOCAL INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY SERIES

JACK DEMPSEY PICKS HIS "BEST TEN"

TUNNEY RATED ABOVE JOE LOUIS

JIMMY JOHNSTON'S SELECTIONS

(By Harry B. Smith)
San Francisco, February 16.

TWO men who really know what they are writing about have picked their lists of best 10 heavyweights.

Jack Dempsey, deburred naturally from including himself in a list of "Ring Greats," puts Gene Tunney at the top of the list and then Joe Louis as the No. 2 man. Jimmy Johnston, match-maker for Madison Square Garden, Boy Bandit of the fight game, manager himself in the old days, sticks to John L. Sullivan as his "tops."

Both lists are interesting. Both are interspersed with comment that means even more than the selections. Dempsey's "Best Ten" follow:

1—Gene Tunney, 2—Joe Louis, 3—James J. Corbett, 4—John L. Sullivan, 5—Peter Jackson, 6—Jack Johnson, 7—Sam Langford, 8—Jess Willard, 9—Tommy Gibbons, 10—Harry Greb. Briefly, we will let Dempsey back up his judgment with his own comment:

"I think Willard was a good fighter at one time, for he was strong and game. I never saw Jack Johnson, but he must have been a great boxer. Corbett, Sullivan and Peter Jackson were before my time but all good men. Tommy Gibbons was great, but he had passed his peak when I boxed him. The same goes for George Carpentier.

Just A Freak

"Firpo, who came closer to knocking me out than anyone else, was just a freak. But if he hit you on the chin it was just too bad. Sharkey would have been a great fighter, but he didn't like a punch to the stomach. Harry Wills was an over-rated fighter. Fred Fulton couldn't take a punch on the chin. Harry Greb was a great fighter, with more stamina than any other fellow I know. Tunney was a better fighter than the public gave him credit for being. The only thing that made him look bad was that he was a counter puncher. I think he was too good for the present-day fighters, including Louis. Although Louis might perhaps have scored a knockout, I think Tunney would have been ahead on points up to the K. O.

Must Have Experience

"No matter how great a fighter you are you must have experience. Louis is a great hitter. He will improve. As time goes on he will improve, but I don't see any opposition for him. But we can't find out how good he really is until we know how he can stand a punch.

"To be a great fighter you must have three things: You must give it, take it and have a fighting heart."

Johnston's Best Ten

Here come Jimmy Johnston, Madison Square's matchmaker. Here is his list for you to look over: 1—James J. Corbett, 2—Jack Johnson, 3—Gene Tunney, 4—John L. Sullivan, 5—Bob Fitzsimmons, 6—Jack Dempsey, 7—Max Baer, 8—James J. Braddock, 9—Sam Langford, 10—Peter Jackson.

Johnston says specially that while Joe Louis has done remarkable work, he is not a champion and therefore he does not rate him. "Should Louis win the title," concludes Johnston, "he will then compare with the men I have named."

Jimmy also picks Packey McFarland as the greatest fighter in the game without regard to weight classification.

NEW PAVILION AT GUY'S

The new pavilion at Guy's Hospital Rugby F. C. ground at Honor Oak was opened recently when the Hospital played Cambridge University.



A million freckles and a happy smile best describes Patty Berg, the Minneapolis girl who is showing the women golfers some of the finer points of the game. Patty swung her first club at three, and is today considered the most natural athlete of her sex on the fairways. She was runner-up in last year's American National championship, but harbours the belief that she can win this year.

CHINESE "DERBY"

S. CHINA "B" TO CLASH WITH THE ATHLETIC

Pau And Leung To Play To-morrow?

TSUI AH FAI RETURNS TO ATHLETIC

Owing to the Combined Manoeuvres, which commence this evening and terminate on Sunday, the entire First, Second and Third Division League soccer programmes have been postponed with the exception of a mutually arranged Senior Division encounter between South China "B" and the Athletic on the Caroline Hill ground to-morrow.

South China "B" are likely to field their full team with Pau Ka-ping in goal, and Leung In-chun reinstated in his right-back position following his recent injury.

Ho Ka-keung, the Athletic's former centre-forward, will probably lead the South China "B" attack against his former team in place of George Tsang.

Athletic's Custodian

Chan Shek-pui, better known in water-polo circles, will probably fill the position between the sticks for the Athletic, while the two backs will most probably be Fu Kar-hing and Mak Shiu-hon.

The biggest feature of the game will be the return to the pivotal position of Tsui Ah-fai, the brilliant Athletic and Malayan State footballer, who is likely to be a tower of strength against the South China "B" attack. He will be supported on the flanks by Ho Chor-yin and Lai Kwok-chiu.

S. China's Team

The forwards will be selected from seven players, among whom Tang Kwong-sum and Au Ping-ming are certain. South China will probably be fielding the same team which met the Saints last Wednesday, with the exception of the changes mentioned above.

The encounter should be a fairly fast one with the odds favouring the Athletic.

The probable teams are:—
Athletic: To be selected from the following:—Chan Shek-pui, Fu Kar-hing, Mak Shiu-hon, Ho Chor-yin, Tsui Ah-fai and Lai Kwok-chiu, Cheng Moon-wing, Chan Yu-hong, Wong Wing-hong, Yeung Kan-po, Chan Man-chee, Tang Kwong-sum, Au Ping-ming.

South China "B": Pau Ka-ping or Wong Wah-kai, Leung In-chun or Yee Hong-yuen and Lee Kam, H. Young, Lim Tak-po and Yau Wah-hing, Yeung Po-hui, Lai Shui-wing, G. Tsang or Ho Ka-keung, Cheuk Shek-lam and Yeung Shui-yick.

John's

lost to Bliss and Weill 12-21
lost to Kew and Fincher 4-21
beat Wong and Wong 21-3

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The rise to fame of Eddie O'Brien, Syracuse University's latest indoor running sensation, has been accomplished in the short space of one year. Following his outdoor campaign as a quarter-mile last summer, Eddie is competing at 500 and 600 yards indoors with astounding success. At present he is a favorite for a place in the American Olympic team.

UNIVERSITY TO MEET RADIO TO-MORROW

Only Junior Tie This Week

KITCHELL NOT PLAYING

The only Second Division game this week-end is the encounter between the Radio and the University, and as both teams are evenly matched a good game should be seen.

One who formerly played in the forward line, will be seen at full-back with Lopes partnering him and these two should be able to hold the Radio forwards, while Lee and Teoh are two hard working halves.

Liaw and Yung, in the forward line, have always given Blake good support, but would do better if they were to shoot more often.

Radio Without Kitcheil

The Radio will probably be without the services of Kitcheil, but with O. M. Omar in the immediate line, supported by Arculli and Souza, the defence should be able to cope with the University forwards.

Hamet will lead the line, with Azim and Tavares on the wings, and these three, though small of stature, are fast and tricky and should fully test the Varsity defence.

The following are the teams:—
Radio:—M. Souza, Arculli and H. Souza; Bux, O. M. Omar and L. Tavares; J. Tavares, Rocha, Hamet, A. N. Other and Azim.

University:—Lim, Ong and Lopes, Lee, Gore and Teoh, Tan, Liaw, Yung, Blake and Tang.

EVERY TURNS TO SOCCER

Alfred Avery, the Essex cricket professional, has signed amateur forms for West Ham United F.C. He is a useful forward, and plays for Ilford.

SAINTS NEARLY SURPRISED

Kowloon Record Third Win

BADMINTON LEAGUE

The St. Andrew's seniors had a narrow escape last night in the Men's Doubles Badminton League when they just managed to beat the St. John's Club by the odd game in nine at the Cathedral Hall.

Kowloon Tong Club recorded their third win by beating the Victoria Recreation Club by 5 games to 4 at Kowloon Tong.

The fixture between Elliot Hall "B" and Recreio "A" was postponed.

Detailed results of the two matches were as follows:—

V.R.C. Well Beaten

At Kowloon Tong last night, the Kowloon Tong Club beat the Victoria Recreation Club by 5 games to 4:—
P. C. Leung and T. Fletcher (Kowloon Tong) 21-9
lost to C. N. Silva and S. A. Rumjahn 9-21

beat C. Pereira and E. Alves 21-12
beat J. Soares and W. Fisher 21-7
S. A. Gray and G. A. White (Kowloon Tong) 21-6
lost to Silva and Rumjahn 14-21
lost to Pereira and Alves 21-9
beat Soares and Fisher 21-6

E. K. Wong and J. M. Pong (Kowloon Tong) 3-21
lost to Silva and Rumjahn 3-21
lost to Pereira and Alves 11-21
beat Soares and Fisher 21-9

St. John's Plucky Fight

At the St. John's Cathedral Hall last night, St. Andrew's "A" beat St. John's Club by 5 games to 4:—
F. H. Kwok and G. A. Smith (St. John's) 21-13
beat A. S. Bliss and M. Weill 21-13
lost to H. Kew and E. F. Fincher 9-21
beat E. H. Wong and S. V. Roland 21-6
Roland Koh and Norman Smith (St. John's) 17-21
lost to Bliss and Weill 17-21
lost to Kew and Fincher 1-21
beat Wong and Wong 21-7
David Kwok and J. Bennett (St. John's)

Competing In International Soccer Cup

ALBERT WARD, the St. Joseph's captain and Portugal inside-right, was born in Hong Kong and educated at St. Joseph's College.

He started playing league football in the Second Division in 1925 on the left-wing. For St. Joseph's, but was later transferred to the right-wing.

The following year he took up the inside-right position, partnering J. Kent of the D.B.S., and the two soon developed a good understanding.

In 1926, while still in the Junior League, he was chosen as inside-right for Portugal in the final of the Sunday Herald Charity Cup competition, which they won.

He continued playing for St. Joseph's who were only in the Second Division, until 1928 when he was transferred to Recreio. He



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HOCKEY SERIES

THRILLING DISPLAY BY PORTUGAL

EXTRA TIME DECIDES THE ISSUE

GONSALVES IN LIMELIGHT

(By "Sticks")

ONE of the most thrilling games ever witnessed in the local international hockey series took place yesterday on the Marina ground when Portugal avenged last season's semi-final round defeat at the hands of India, the holders, by winning a very close encounter by 2 goals to 1 after extra time.

The encounter was packed full of incident from the first whistle and both umpires, and particularly Major Campbell, are to be congratulated on the manner in which they handled the match, which at one stage threatened to break out into a free-for-all.

Portugal were very unlucky to concede a penalty-bully, given for obstruction against U. B. Souza, their custodian, who unintentionally hindered Awtar Singh as the latter was about to stop a stray pass from going over the goal line.

There were many brilliant individual performers, but J. Gonsalves, the Portugal right-half, takes precedence for his gallant and successful efforts to stem the dangerous Indian left-wing partnership of Lal Singh, who was their most dangerous forward, and Adalat Sar.

Brilliant Forwards

Contrary to expectations, B. Gosano, on the right-wing (he changed over with F. Nolasco at the interval), J. M. Pinto and A. P. Souza were the outstanding Portuguese forwards, Nolasco and Angelo failing in the first hour, although it was really no fault of theirs as Alaf Din and Gurbachan Singh, the Indian wing-halves, proved too good for them. However, Gosano proved too fast for the Indian defence and it was from his centre that Nolasco gave Portugal their victory with a first-time effort.

The failure of the Portuguese halves to send their forwards away in the opening half was the main feature of the first hour's play, although they played inspired hockey in the extra period, and it was their brilliancy during this period which held the Indian attack and played a very large part in their victory.

There was one aspect of the game which proved disappointing—the extra time was played in fast failing light and in the last minutes of the game it was almost impossible to see the ball.

Souza gave a remarkable display of goal-keeping and was more confident that Ramzan, while E. L. Gosano and Silva were a hard-hitting pair of backs, whose first-time efforts, however, very nearly split disaster to the Portuguese team.

Too Much Undercutting

Kishen Singh was the pick of the two Indian backs, Khan Bahadur being inclined to undercut frequently, and in the closing minutes this proved very dangerous.

Gurbachan Singh and Alaf Din were a fine pair of wing-halves, but Tara Singh found the Portuguese inside-forwards too elusive for him and he was partly responsible for Portugal's equalising goal, when Souza broke away from him inside the circle to lift the ball into the roof of the net.

Alaf Din deserved special mention for holding down the fast and tricky Portuguese right-wing partnership of Gonsalves and B. Gosano, and particularly for the manner in which he fed Lal Singh. There is no doubt that he is still the best Colony left-half by a big margin.

Chances Thrown Away

The India forwards were disappointed in the number of opportunities they threw away. There were occasions when they had the whole of the Portugal team at sixes-and-sevens and, despite several open goals, yet could not score. (Continued on Page 5)

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

LAI SHOULD BEAT M. W. LO

1929 Champion Likely To Be Outpaced

(By "BASE-LINE")

Lai Kwong-tsun, the Canton lawn tennis champion who lost a wonderful opportunity of winning the Colony title in 1934, when, after beating the holder, Sirdar Ramjahn, he lost in the semi-final round to Tam Yee-fong, will be on view this afternoon at the H.K.C.C. when he meets M. W. Lo, the 1929 champion.

Despite his boundless experience, Lo is, however, likely to be hopelessly outpaced by Lai, who, provided he plays more often on grass courts, is likely to have a big say in this year's championship.

S. A. Gray and A. Crawford, a promising K.C.C. pair, should not run into any trouble against G. Lai and G. Chang in their Open Doubles match.

The following is to-day's programme, commencing at 4.45 p.m.:—

Open Singles (First Round)
Lai Kwong-tsun v. M. W. Lo

Open Doubles (Second Round)
S. A. Gray and A. Crawford v. G. Lai and G. Chang

Club Championship (First Round)
L. Goldman v. B. O'M. Deane

D. M. Macdonnell v. E. Bathurst (2nd Round)

Club Handicap Singles (1st Round)
M. Page (-15.2) v. E. Henry (+1/6)

Club Handicap Doubles (1st Round)
C. C. Stark and F. A. Joseph (-2/5) v. T. C. Monaghan and E. J. McMullen (-3/6) (Second Round)

V. B. Gordon and A. H. Penn (+1/6) v. H. E. Butters and D. Macdonnell (+4/6)

LADIES' "REST" HOCKEY XI

Very Strong Side To Meet C.B.A. Ladies

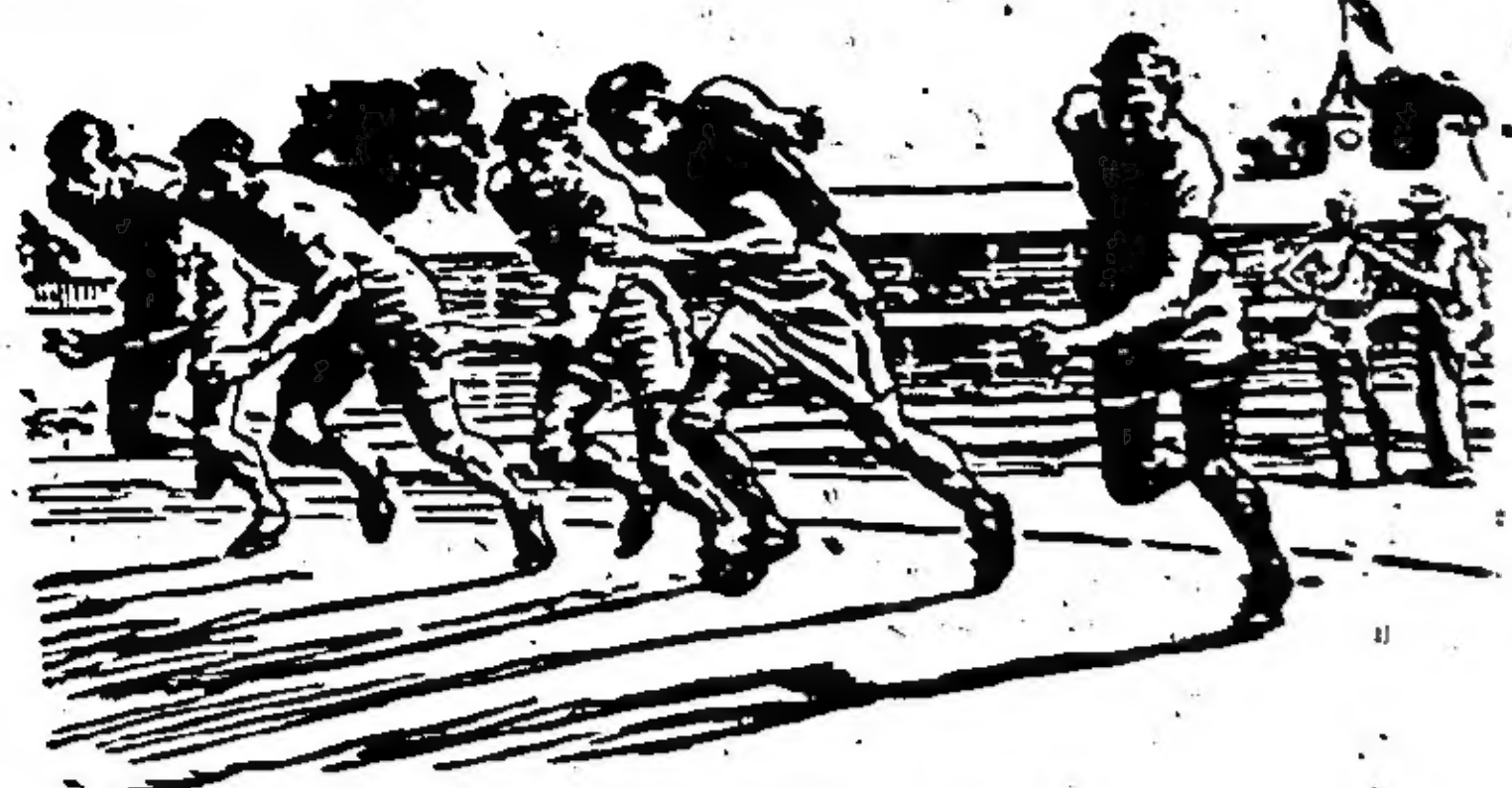
EIGHT INTERPORTERS TO BE FEATURED

Following a trial held on the Y.M.C.A. ground yesterday, the "Rest" team to meet the Champions of the C.B.A. Cup, the Central British Association Ladies, was selected, with the exception of three players, is the Colony Interport side which defeated Shanghai last February.

Miss E. Xavier comes into the side at centre-half, while Miss O'Daniel will be seen on the right-wing in support of her sister. The surprise selection of the team at sixes-and-sevens and, despite several open goals, yet could not score. (Continued on Page 5)

REFEREES' ASSOCIATION'S MONTHLY MEETING

The half-monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Referees' Association will be held in the offices of the H.K.F.A. at the Sports Club, on Monday, March 30, at 8 p.m.



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J7343—Blue Danube (2PTS)	Sym. Orch.
J1626—Simple Aveu	Yvonne Curtis (Violin).
Serenade (Tuselli)	
J1750—Spring Song	Angelus Octet.
Nocturne (Chopin)	
J5050—Hungarian Dances	Halle Orch.
Nos. 5 & 6	
4294—Tales of Hoffmann	Squire Octet.
Salut d'Amour	
3470—Trauerrie	Squire Octet.
Humoresque	

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GOLF STARTING TIMES

Sunday's Pairings At Fanling

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling next Sunday.

OLD COURSE	
9.20 a.m.	O. E. G. Marton, D. S. Robb.
9.24	I. H. Geare, R. Young.
9.28	N. K. Littlejohn, A. B. Purves.
9.32	S. H. Dodwell, K. S. Morrison.
9.36	C. B. Johnson, Sir W. Shenton.
9.40	W. L. Alexander, T. J. Price.
9.44	E. des Voeux, H. Jusseland.
9.48	F. A. Howard, D. A. O'Kieffe.
9.52	J. S. Dykes, J. Forbes.
9.56	J. D. Kinnaird, T. S. Morrison.
10.00	G. A. Pentreath, E. Taylor.
10.04	H. N. Williamson, G. N. Bond.
10.08	G. W. Sewell, J. W. Alabaster.
10.12	J. G. Charlton, W. Paterson.
10.16	O. J. Shannon, J. A. D. Morrison.
10.20	T. J. J. Fenwick, J. Mc L. Brown.
10.24	A. C. L. Bowker, A. H. Penn.
10.28	P. Morrison, R. E. Colhinga.
10.32	T. R. Rowell, F. M. Ellis.
10.36	J. W. Mayhew, W. N. A. Smalley.
10.40	C. W. Jeffries, H. G. Wallington.
10.44	W. J. S. Key, A. Sommerfeldt.
10.48	R. C. Webb, A. McKellar.
10.52	R. A. Rodgers, T. J. Draper.
10.56	W. Pittendigh, J. Angwin.
11.00	A. I. Burnie, J. MacFarlane.
11.04	A. Webster, F. C. Mudie.
11.08	E. T. McMullen, Pay. Lt. Cdr. Thatcher.
11.12	Surg. Lt. Cdr. Marks, Pay. Lt. Morris.
NEW COURSE	
11.00 a.m.	V. M. Grayburn, A. H. Barlow.

SAINTS NEARLY SURPRISED

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LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

P. W. L. F. A. Pts.	
Eliot Hall "A"	17 17 0 109 8 34
C. R. C.	18 14 4 107 40 28
Recreio "A"	14 13 1 89 19 26
Recreio "B"	13 12 1 89 19 24
Eliot Hall "B"	16 11 5 83 43 22
Recreio "C"	14 10 4 69 39 20
Fire Brigade	17 8 9 68 73 16
St. John's	16 7 9 67 80 14
V. E. C.	16 3 13 42 84 6
Kowloon Tong	19 3 16 49 104 6
St. Andrew's "B"	18 2 16 39 97 4
S. and S. Home	17 1 16 30 124

Entries For Second Extra Race Meeting

The following are the entries for the Hong Kong Jockey Club's Second Extra Race Meeting, to be held at Happy Valley on Saturday March 28:

1.—COLONIAL STAKES.—Winner \$400. Second \$175. Third \$100. For China Ponies, Griffins of this season. "Winners barred." Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have won \$200 to \$499 in stakes, 5 lb. allowance; less than \$200, 10 lb. allowance. Jockey Allowance. Allowances accumulative. Entrance \$5. ONE MILE.

Amberley (158), Laughing Girl (158), Miracle (148), Old Star (151), Silver Smith (150) and Tyne (156).

2.—ROSEHILL PLATE.—Winner \$400. Second \$175. Third \$100. For Australian Ponies of this season. "Winners barred." Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have won \$200 to \$499 in stakes, 3 lb. allowance; less than \$200, 6 lb. allowance. Jockey Allowance. Allowances accumulative. Entrance \$5. SIX FURLONGS.

Blanford (146), Brutus (149), Gold Dragon (146), Honey (146), Ranger (148), Violet Queen (152) and Zodiak (155).

3.—MRS. BAY HANDICAP.—Winner \$550. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies "A" Class. Winners of \$5,000 or more in stakes since 1st January, 1936; barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN (About One Mile 171 Yards).

Cossack's Beauty, Cyclamen Bay, Diana Bay, Gladiator, Herod, King's Warden, Macaroni and Soldier of Britain.

4.—SUB-GRIFFINS SPRING HANDICAP.—Winner \$600. Second \$250. Third \$150. For China Ponies, Subscription Griffins of this Club of this season. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. ONE AND A QUARTER MILES.

Balios, Bistre, Burgomaster, Copper Idol, Double Chance, Emergency Call, Gold Sovereign, Jodes, Lucky Strike, Mountain View, Racing Boy, Rose Evelyn, Seventeenth of September, Tiny Star, Valley Young, Wedgebridge, Warrington and Young Champ.

5.—COMMONWEALTH HANDICAP.—Winner \$450. Second \$200. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "C" Class. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed. Entrance \$5. ONE MILE.

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at inside-left and who will be seen in the position in support of Miss Westcott.

Rest Team

"Rest" team is: Mrs. Lunson (H.K.): Miss E. Gray (H.K.) and Miss A. Fowler ("Y"); Miss J. Wong (St. Andrew's), Miss E. Xavier (Recreio) and Mrs. M. Bell (H.K.): Miss O. Dalziel ("Y"), Miss S. Dalziel ("Y"), Miss P. Gittings (St. Andrew's), Mrs. Read ("Y") and Miss M. Westcott ("Y").

The Central British Association Ladies will be represented by Miss Best, Miss E. Woolley and Miss F. J. Walker (Captain); Miss L. Woolley, Miss E. M. Bryson and Miss P. Everest. Miss E. Rousseau, Miss M. Smith, Mrs. White, Miss D. Hunt and Miss R. Blackmore.

The Junior Rest team to meet the winners of the Brawn Cup League, the Central British Schoolgirls, has not yet been selected.

Both these matches will take place on the Y.M.C.A. ground at King's Park on Sunday, March 29, commencing at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. respectively.

6.—CALLIOPE HANDICAP.—Winner \$450. Second \$250. Third \$150. For Australian Ponies, "A" Class. Winners of ten or more races at any time barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. ONE MILE.

Bag Tor, Electron, Holiday Eve, Racing Heart, Rose Ann, Shooting Star, Snowy River, Strathroy, The Dunlin, Tinsmith and Vixen Tor.

7.—TAIWAN BAY HANDICAP.—Winner \$400. Second \$175. Third \$100. For China Ponies, "D" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. SIX FURLONGS.

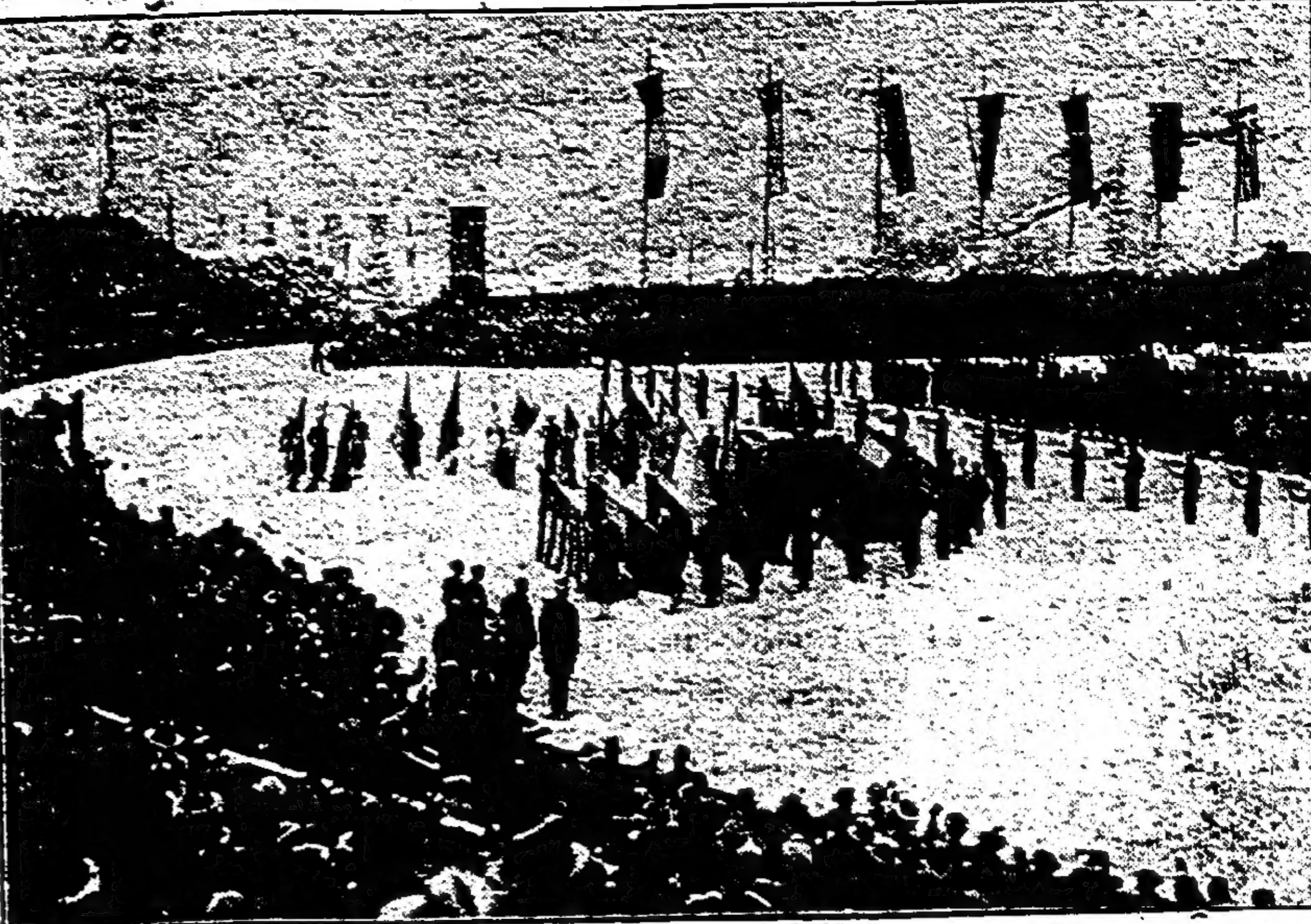
Balios, Belmont Star, Boxing Eve, Burgomaster, Copper Idol, Double Chance, Emergency Call, Foxbridge, Glad Eyes, Gold Currency, Hopscotch, Lemberg, Lockley Hall, Lucky Strike, Mike, Miracle, Night View, Philanderer, Plain View, Popular Star, Rousseau, Seventeenth of September, Splendid View and Ythan.

8.—HONGKONG BAY HANDICAP.—Winner \$500. Second \$225. Third \$125. For China Ponies, "B" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. FROM THE TWO MILE POST ONCE ROUND AND IN (About One Mile 171 Yards).

Bright View, Harvest View, Helman, Honeycomb Eye, Jungle Jim, King's Bounty, King's Jubilee, King's Justice, King's Lead, Mistake Bay, Pontine Bay, Rose-Queen, Sadko, and Soldier of China.

9.—UNION PLATE.—Winner \$400. Second \$175. Third \$100. For China Ponies. Subscription Griffins of this Club of this season. "Winners barred." Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have won \$200 to \$499 in stakes, 6 lb. allowance; less than \$200, 10 lb. allowance. Jockey Allowance. Allowances accumulative. Entrance \$5. SIX FURLONGS.

Cassius (144), Fidelity (156), Gold Sovereign (161), Bwthorn (148), Heriot (156), Hammer (148), Ocean View (152), Paymaster (151), Ragby Star (145), Shamrock (150), Spawatch (145), Strathallan (145), The Coot (142) and The Goffin (153).



The standard-bearers of the nations taking the Olympic oath at the ski stadium at Garmisch-Partenkirchen on the occasion of the Winter Games. The German champion, Willy Bogner, administered the oath.

THRILLING DISPLAY BY PORTUGAL

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Adalat Sar proved a real menace, his stickwork being brilliant on occasions; he made Lal Singh an ideal partner. Awtar Singh played a constructive game, but was inclined to barge his way through on occasions.

Penalty-Bully

India opened the scoring when a penalty bully was awarded against Souza for obstruction, much amusement being caused by his inability to bully-off with Awtar Singh. After several efforts they at last managed to do so, the India leader netting while Souza was on his knees after a fall.

India dominated play until the last few minutes, although Portugal pressed strongly at times and twice came within an ace of equalising.

With everything pointing to defeat, a last-minute effort saw Souza scoop the ball into the roof of the net for the equaliser!

Winning Goal

The extra time found both teams determined to go ahead, and, following the failure of Lal Singh to break through in several solo efforts, B. Gosano, who had switched over to the right-wing, showed fine turn of speed before flashing across a magnificent for Nolasco to convert with a first-timer. The second period of extra time found with Portugal holding their own.

Major H. J. M. Campbell, O.B.E., and Mr. A. A. Dand umpired, and the teams were:

Portugal—U. B. Souza (Radio); A. Silva (Argonautas) and E. L. Gosano (University) (Captain); J. Gonsalves (Recreio), L. Oliveira (University) and N. Beltrao (Recreio); J. Nolasco (Argonautas), B. Gosano (Recreio), J. M. Pinto (K.I.T.C.), A. P. Souza (K.I.T.C.) and A. Angelo (Argonautas).

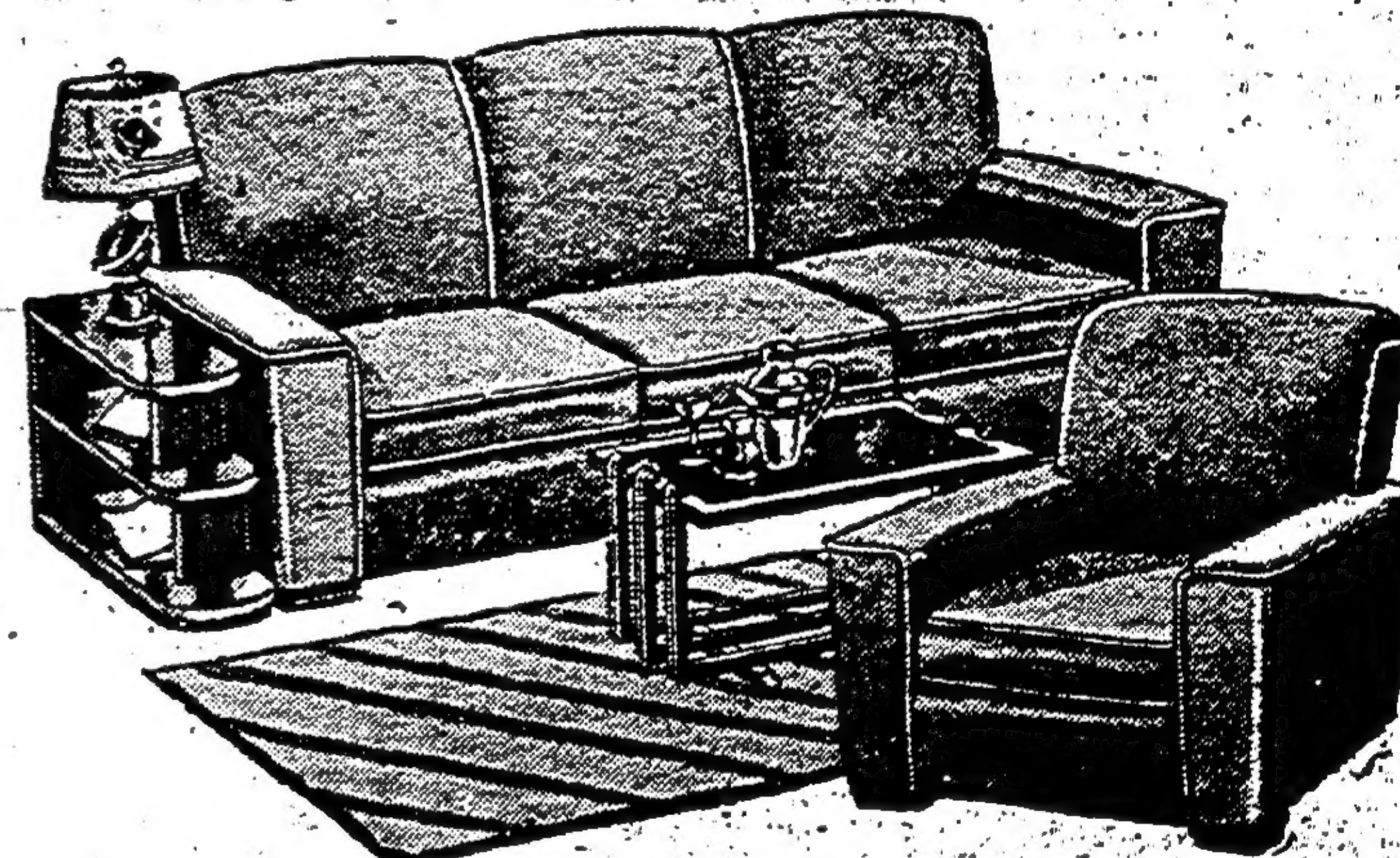
Reserves—N. Faria (Recreio) (Goalkeeper); A. A. dos Remedios (Recreio) (Full-back), J. Pereira (K.I.T.C.) (Half-back) and A. Alves (Argonautas) (Half-back).

India—M. Ramazan (K.I.T.C.); Khan Bahadur (Punjab) and Kishan Singh (H.R.S.R.A.); Garbhasan Singh (Punjab), Tara Singh (H.R.S.R.A.) and Asif Din (Punjab); Khuda Bux (H.R.S.R.A.), Garbhasan Singh (Radio), Afzar Khan (Punjab), Awtar Singh (K.I.T.C.) and Lal Singh (Punjab).



Winners of gold and silver medals at the Olympic Winter Games at Garmisch-Partenkirchen. In the centre is Christl Cranz, gold medalist in the women's section. The other two people in the photograph are Franz Pfanner (left) and Gustav Lantacher, who won silver medals.

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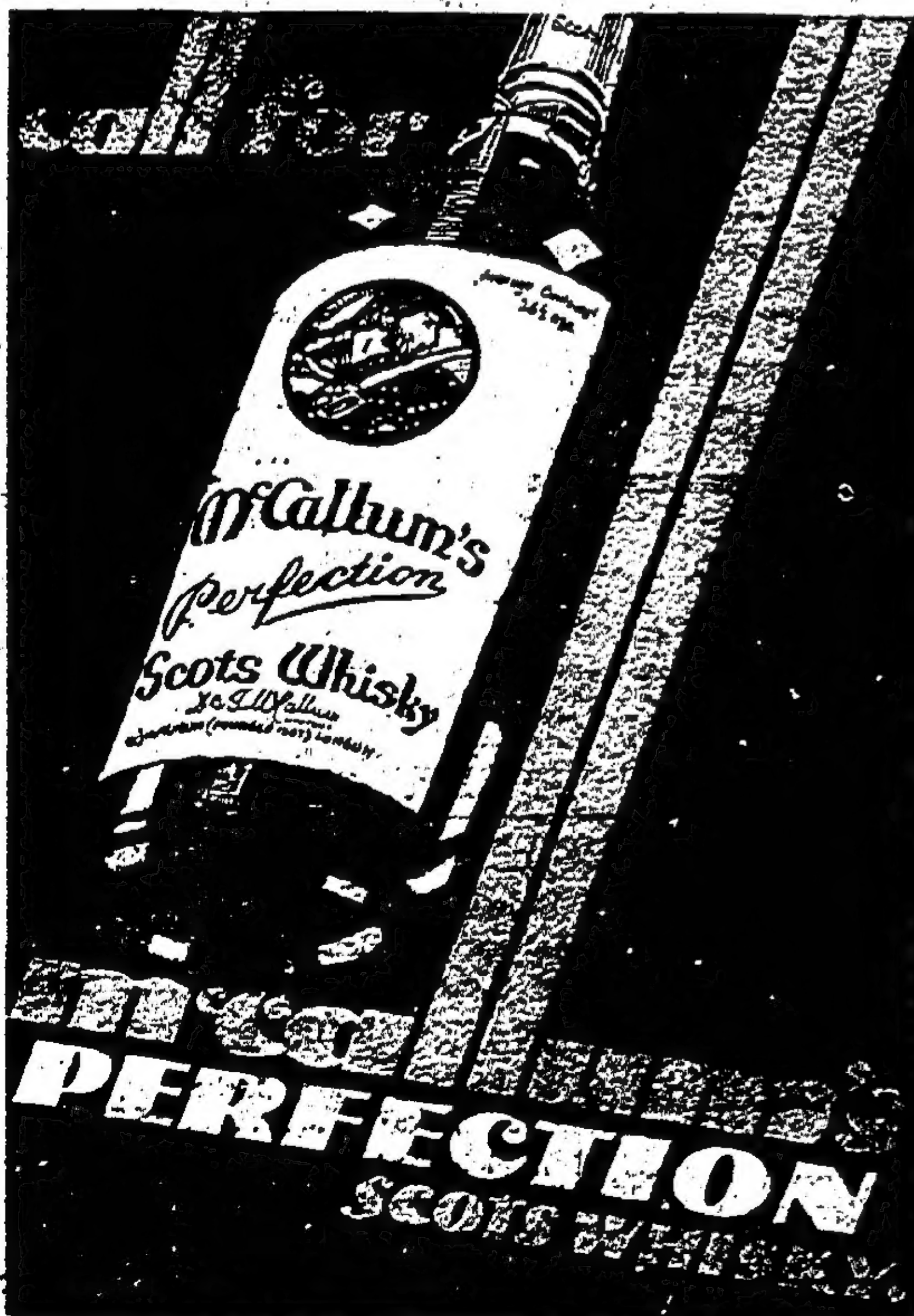
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The Empress of Britain

To-day we welcome, on her fifth world-cruise, the liner Empress of Britain, carrying some 450 lucky mortals who are making a tour of the globe under conditions which, a few years ago, had hardly been dreamed of. The term "floating hotel" is a trite one to-day; it has been used already for quite a number of years; and, as on shore, there are hotels—and hotels.

The Empress of Britain is something more than a mere floating hotel, comparable with the finest hotels to be found the world over; it partakes also of the nature of a very select club, with all the amenities that the word connotes. She is the last word in comfort combined with sober luxury; no other ship afloat can surpass her for the exquisite taste and artistry displayed in all her interior fittings and decorations; not a single garish note can be found to jar the perfect, quiet harmony of the colour-scheme; she still remains the luxury-ship of the world.

It was a happy thought on the part of someone, whose name is not recorded, to employ many of the great liners, that could not be made to pay on a regular schedule, as pleasure-cruisers. The initial experiments proved so successful that for some years past many well-known ships have been regularly used for summer cruises of varying length to various parts of the world and some, like the Empress of Britain, have been entirely devoted to round-the-world cruises. This year the Abyssinian trouble has proved an ill wind that has at least blown good to the passengers on the great Empress, which has varied her usual route through the Mediterranean and made her way to the East via the Cape of Good Hope.

Hong Kong looks forward to the arrival of these great cruise-ships with a partly selfish, but natural interest, for the passengers have money to spend on the silks and ivories and many curios for which the Colony is famous. And the passengers may congratulate themselves this year on arriving at a time when a low dollar will permit of more extensive purchases than might otherwise be made.

This year the great ship is scheduled to stay five days in harbour here, which should give those on board ample time to see all the beauties of this little island of ours and the New Territories, with trips to Canton and Macau also. All that can be hoped is that the weather, so unpromising of late, will be kinder during their stay.

March Weather

March, in England, is said to "come in like a lion and go out like a lamb," but this does not apply to the Chinese coast, which is not affected, as our homeland is, by the Gulf Stream. But March, in Hong Kong, has always had the reputation hitherto of being perhaps the most enjoyable month of the year—cool and bracing, tempered with blue skies and warm sunshine.

March has not lived up to its reputation this year at all. Not only has it been, almost uniformly to-date, a month of cloudy grey skies, with heavy humidity, mist and drizzle, but for anything

ST. JOHN'S BRIGADE

Annual Inspection By
The Governor

FIRST AID DEMONSTRATION

An imposing parade was witnessed on the Naval Recreation Ground at Causeway Bay yesterday afternoon when His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, carried out the annual inspection of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

Looking very smart on parade every unit turned up in force, and the ceremony was watched by thousands of spectators who used every vantage point near the grounds.

The officers of the Corps were under Mr. A. Morris. Punctually on 5 p.m. His Excellency arrived on the ground, accompanied by the Hon. Dr. A. R. Wellington and Capt. W. J. E. Cragg, and was met by Mr. A. Morris, the Commissioner, and other senior officers of the Corps. His Excellency's arrival was greeted by a Royal Salute, during which the first bars of the National Anthem was played by the Corps Band.

After being introduced to members of the Finance Committee and Vice-Patrons, His Excellency inspected the divisions.

The gathering was then treated to a fine display of first aid work. Every division on parade took part, each demonstrating something different from the others, a high standard of work being maintained throughout. The gas masks worn by the Nursing Division particularly interested the crowds.

Chapter General Awards. At the end of the display the divisions formed a hollow square near His Excellency, who distributed several Chapter General Awards. The recipients were:

Corps Officer Leung Shui-sang, Corps Officers Chan Yuk-in, Corps Officer Szeto Chung and Ambulance Officer Fung Oi-shun, who were presented with Long Service Bars; Superintendent U Kai-shung, who were awarded Long Service Medals.

His Excellency also handed out the following trophies:

Ralphs Shield (Efficiency Award). — Shaokwan Division. Savage Memorial Cup (runners up). — South China Athletic Division. Mok Cho Chuen Cup (Best Squad in Brigade). — Railway Division.

Lau Chu Pak Duty Cup.—Mong Kok Division. Holyoak Attendance Cup.—Railway Division.

Wong Kwong Tin Vaccination Cup.—Mong Kok Division. Ho Fook Cup (Inter Railway). — Squad 3.

Ho Kom Tong Nursing Shield. — King's College Nursing Division. Woo Wai-tak Duty Cup.—Y.W.C.A. Nursing Division.

After His Excellency had addressed the Corps the gathering then adjourned to the Brigade Headquarters where another ceremony took place, this being the presentation of an operating table to the Brigade by Mr. A. H. Taylor, on behalf of Messrs. Cow and Gate Ltd. The table will be used at the An Par Hospital at Cheung-chau.

It has the doubtful distinction of having created a new low record in temperature for the past 50 years during which records have been kept at the Royal Observatory. The previous low record was made in March 1921, but that has been shattered on no less than three days this month.

Hongkong is not alone in its sufferings. The whole China coast has been blanketed in cold fog for days at a time; Canton has reported many deaths from cold and exposure; from Tientsin to Vladivostok the sea has been frozen for miles out from shore; and in northern Siberia a mere matter of 90 degrees below zero has been registered—so perhaps Hong Kong may be thankful that matters have not been worse.

There is at least a gleam of comfort in the thought that the climate of the world is not changing—as many people are apt to imagine when we are treated to an unusual kind of weather—and that such a wretched March is not likely to be met with again for a period of years, if past experience goes

Here There and Everywhere.

ITALY 1916-1936

A distinguished neutral observer who has just returned to England from Eritrea, had the experience of serving in the Great War with French, British and Italian troops.

He went to Eritrea some months ago with one object—to compare the Italian troops of 1935 with those of 1916, and to ascertain whether Signor Mussolini had succeeded in creating an army capable of carrying his ambitions.

A NEW TENTH LEGION

Concentrating his inspection on such essentials as health, spirit, discipline and leadership, he finds that the Duce has created a new Tenth Legion.

He is particularly impressed by the physique of the Italian troops. The discipline, he says, is excellent, stricter than French discipline, more paternal than British. All hardships are shared by officers, non-commissioned officers and men alike.

There have been no courts-martial and punishments are few. An example was the degradation of a corporal for not carrying a knapsack with his men.

BEST COLONIAL TROOPS

Health casualties have been remarkably few. The medical organisation is excellent, the food well cooked and punctually provided.

There is a prodigious use of lemons, and all water drunk is liberally dosed with lemon juice. There are elaborate arrangements for baths.

But it is the new spirit of determination and courage which this observer finds most impressive. It is his definite conclusion that whatever their value in a European war, the Italian troops and the Italian workmen to-day are better fitted for colonial warfare than any other army in the world.

Your Daily Smile!

Observer witnesses big apex, smiling at Addis Ababa. Dora thinks this is that Ethiopian guerrilla warfare she's read about.

SAME. To a correspondent who asks what I think would be the luckiest day for him to marry, one can only

OIL SUPPLIES FOR ITALY

EFFECTS OF EMBARGO ON ITALIAN CAMPAIGN

WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY DISLOCATE ECONOMIC LIFE IN ITALY

(By E. H. Davenport)

EVERY warlike machine moves on oil. Warships burn fuel oil under their boilers; submarines use diesel oil in diesel engines for surface work; aeroplanes, aeroplanes, and aeroplanes use oil.

The mechanised modern army lives and moves upon the internal combustion engine.

For the Italians, in the battle for Abyssinia, perhaps petrol has been more necessary than blood. It is estimated—from figures officially given for the 11 months ending November—that about 100,000 tons of petrol, out of a total of 160,000 tons for all oils, have been imported into Italian colonies in East Africa in 1935.

The Petroleum Press Bureau, in its weekly survey for January 17, puts the petrol requirements of the Italian armies in Abyssinia at 20,000 tons a month during the most active periods. Twenty thousand tons a month (when it is not raining) is small as compared with our petrol consumption in the Great War, or with the peacetime consumption of petrol in Great Britain.

But it is quite a large consumption for Italy, whose peacetime domestic consumption is about 40,000 tons a month.

Three Methods. As Italy has to import practically every ton of oil she consumes, it is important to see how she built up a sufficient supply of oil for the Abyssinian campaign.

She used three methods: first, she imported additional supplies of oil from abroad, secondly, she forced economies on her civilian population; thirdly, she encouraged substitutes for oil at home.

A decree of October 24, 1935, says: "Which is your luckiest day for falling under steam-rollers?"

New pajamas feature green, azure, and canary-yellow tints. It's enough to make Mr. Hore-Belisha give up trying to de-noise London nights.

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



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TANGO MARU	Saturday, 11th Apr.
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SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.	
BOKUYO MARU	Thursday, 9th Apr.
NEW YORK via Panama.	
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war we were able, by our system of licences and rationing, to free for war purposes an amount of petrol equal to the total consumption of the British armies in France.

Hence it is possible that Italy has increased her petrol reserves last year by 250,000 tons, which would be sufficient to meet the needs of the war in Abyssinia for another year or more.

Third Method

As for the third method of building up oil reserves for war, namely, the use of substitutes, Italy has no rich coal or lignite deposits which can be made to yield oil by low temperature distillation or by the new method of hydrogenation.

For oil substitutes she has therefore to fall back on the production of industrial alcohol. Her normal output of alcohol is only 1.5 per cent. of her total petrol consumption. But at the beginning of 1935 a four-year plan was announced to increase the output of alcohol for motor fuels up to 100,000 tons a year by utilising, in addition to sugar beet, part of the crops of rice, maize, wine, and fruit.

If the whole of this increase were realised, it would amount to about 20 per cent. of Italy's normal petrol requirements. But as the plan would entail the withdrawal from other forms of agriculture of some 120,000 acres for the cultivation of the suitable crops, as well as very large expenditure on distillation plant, I do not believe it will ever be attained. An estimate of 50,000 tons of alcohol in three years' time would be nearer the mark.

The figures I have given for these three methods of building up oil reserves show beyond dispute that Italy, left to her own devices, could procure more than petrol and other oils for her Abyssinian campaign however long it may last.

Foreign Sources

Now let us see what would happen if Italy's purchases of oil from abroad were drastically and suddenly curtailed. She has a negligible domestic production of crude oil—only about 15,000 tons a year.

From what countries does she draw the bulk of her foreign oil supplies?

I will give the percentages based on the official figures for the first nine months of 1935 as compared with the first nine months of 1934:

	in 1934	in 1935
From Rumania	34.4	46.6
From Russia	23.2	13.2
From Iran	10.9	13.0
From Iraq		2.2
From Dutch East Indies	9.9	12.10
From U.S.A.	11.3	6.3
From Colombia	2.5	3.0
From Venezuela	1.3	1.0
From other countries	5.5	2.6

It will be seen that Rumania leads by a long way. Rumania accounted for 46.6 per cent. of the Italian oil imports last year. This may be due partly to the fact that Italians have bought interests in a number of local Rumanian oil companies.

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TALKIE TALKS

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We see a killer seeking the man who double-crossed him, tracked down to a variety house, where, because there is no train to take him to the prison, he is allowed to sit through a show, handcuffed to a detective. It may be a little difficult, at first, to follow the different narratives, as there are so many characters, but the direction by Mitchell Leisen leaves nothing to be desired and he handles the conflicting ingredients and suspense up to a thrilling climax.

Barthelmess does exceptionally good work; but this is far from being a one-man show, as the entire cast perform their respective roles splendidly. Among them will be found Joe Morrison, Gertrude Michael, Helen Mack, Ray Milland, Dorothy Tree, Roscoe Karns, Noel Madison, Henry Travers, Charles Wilson and others. With the exception of an exciting three minutes' run-play which has been "cut," the real thrill of this film has been allowed by the local censor, I am glad to say. (Queen's).

Oriental

British (now American) Victor McLaglen has just been awarded the highest honour of the Motion Picture Artists for his magnificent work as "Gypse Nolan" in "The Informer." Personally I would have shared it with Laughton as "Captain Bligh" and Francis as "The Midshipman" in "Mutiny on the Bounty." Still, there is no denying that McLaglen gives the greatest performance of his long career in this highly dramatic story of the Irish Rebellion. He is unforgettable. Along with him we have Wallace Ford, Preston Foster, J. M. Kerrigan, Una O'Connor, Margot Grahame and others.

Now what would happen (a) if all these foreign countries limited their export of oil to Italy to the 1934 (peacetime) level, and (b) if the U.S.A. limited her oil exports to the 1934 level, but all other countries shut them off entirely.

To meet (a) (a general limitation of oil imports to the 1934 level) Italy would have to economise, or to provide oil substitutes up to at least 160,000 tons a year, this being the total amount of oil products imported into Italian ports in East Africa last year. She could, I believe, easily attain this amount, though with some inconvenience and at considerable extra cost.

Potential Shortage

To meet (b) (the shutting off of all foreign sources except the American, and these at the 1934 level) she would be faced with a potential shortage of about 1,648,000 tons of oil a year.

If she converted all fuel-oil boilers to coal burning (the coal being imported from Germany and elsewhere) she might save nearly 500,000 tons. By forcing the private users of petrol to convert their cars and lorries to use alcohol or producer-gas (the latter requiring wood gas or charcoal gas generators) she might save 100,000 tons of petrol, and by preventing every use of petrol but the absolutely necessary, she might save (and I believe she is now doing) another 180,000 tons of petrol a year. This would also entail a saving of about 30,000 tons of lubricating oils.

Here is an extreme total of 810,000 tons out of 1,648,000 tons required to be saved. In other words, Italy would gradually become short at home of about 838,000 tons of oil a year.

What Embargo Would Do

Nevertheless, seeing that she entered upon the Abyssinian war with reserves of oil to last, say, until 1937, and has since added to these reserves, it is obvious that an embargo on foreign oil supplies would not immediately stop the war.

Indeed, the war might be continued indefinitely, if mules and camels were used in conjunction with motor transport and aeroplanes at a great saving of the war consumption of petrol.

An oil embargo would undoubtedly dislocate the economic life of Italy and cause suffering to the Italian people. But is that what the League Powers intend to do? Are we justified in causing human suffering in Italy if we do not prevent human suffering in Abyssinia?

and Heather Angel, all giving super support. This strong drama must be seen.

It is followed by the seven-year-old South African child actress Sybil Jason in "Little Big Shot." Edward Everett Horton, and Robert Armstrong help the clever child in an off-told story.

Jean Blondell, Hugh Herbert, Glenda Farrell and William Gargan are immense in "Travelling Saleslady." Real fun, grand acting from the large cast and an amusing story. (Oriental).

Star, Kowloon

"The Wedding Night," starring Anna Sten and Gary Cooper, is romantic drama with an unusual way of working. Out the eternal love triangle. Gary Cooper and Miss Sten give outstanding performances, while Helen Vinson, Ralph Bellamy, Siegfried Rumann and Esther Dale contribute to the all-round excellence. Worth seeing.

Laurel and Hardy follow in their latest full-length feature "Bonnie Scotland." It has its amusing moments, but the supporting cast is so weak that the whole thing is left upon the shoulders of the two famous comedians.

Grace Moore in her second Columbia vehicle "Love Me Forever" (titled "On Wings of Song" in England) with Leo Carrillo and Robert Allen in the acting roles and Michael Barlett sharing the star's singing, (and certainly giving us the highlight of the film), is the next release. Worth seeing once. (Star).

Majestic

Dolores del Rio, Pat O'Brien, Edward Everett Horton and Winifred Shaw (stealing the show in her rendition of "Lady in Red") appear in a musical titled, "In Caliente." Expensive Warner Bros. production in which the artists struggle with rather poor material. I have no doubt it will appeal to quite a few who are not too particular.

The popular team Wheeler and Woolsey in "The Nit-Wits" follows. They are mixed up in a murder mystery, and with lots of new gags and a capable cast this comedy can be considered among the comedians' best.

After this we are promised the Universal which recently showed at the Central. You will enjoy seeing this exciting drama of primitive passion "East of Java." Shipwreck scene, jungle, love, and thrilling fights with man and animal. All due at the Majestic. —DIANE.

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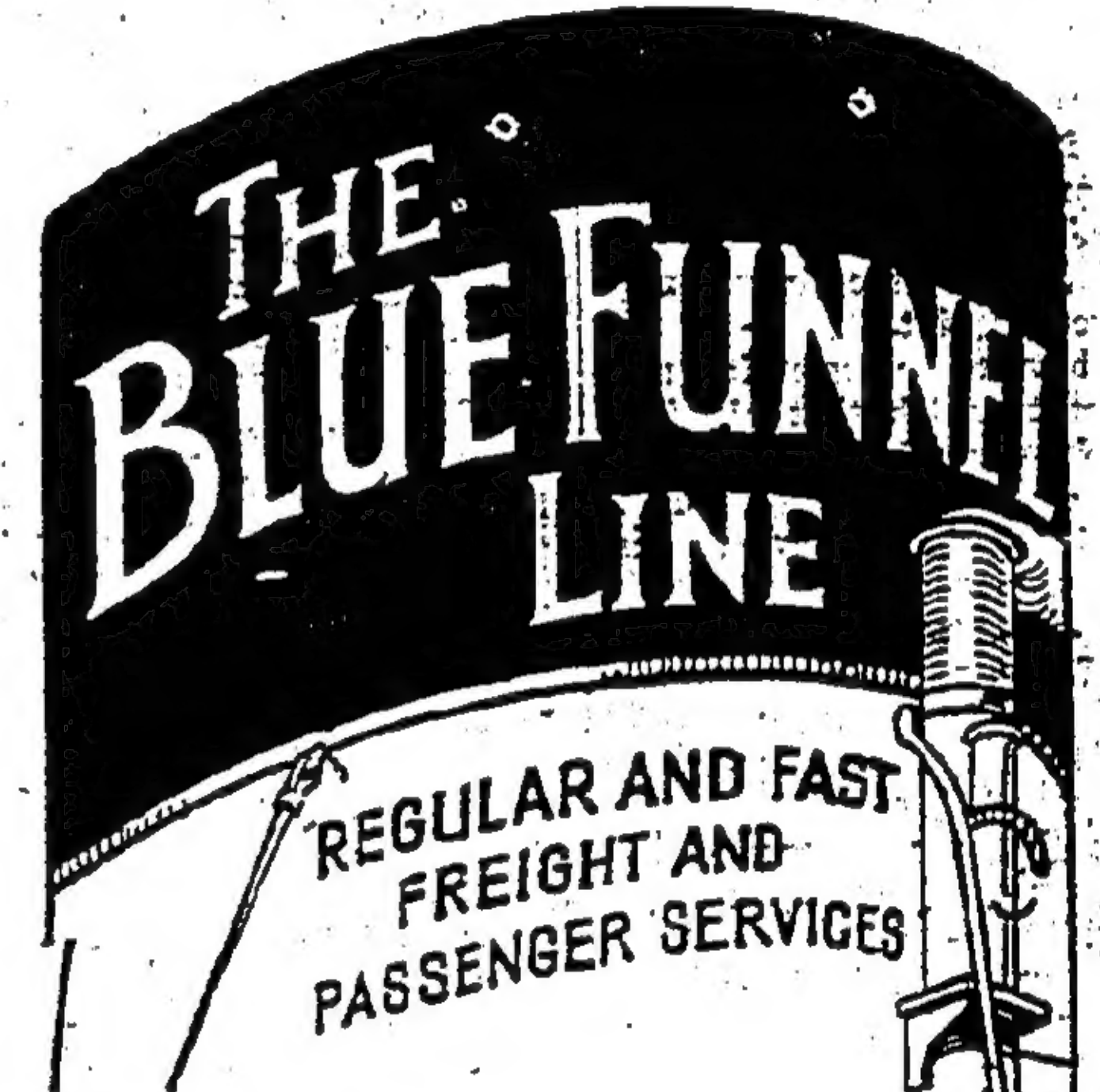
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The Perfect Crime

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the loan were promptly repaid, there the matter ended—at the statutory rate of interest for such transaction. It was only when the borrower found himself in further difficulties that Mr. Deever's ingenious schemes came into operation. It was then that his victim found himself straying little by little into a maze of complicated mortgages, discounted cheques, "nominal" promissory notes, mysterious "conversions," and technically worded transfers—straying into that labyrinth so gradually at first that it all seemed quite harmless, slipping deeper into it over an easy path of documents and signatures, floundering about in it at last and losing his bearings more and more hopelessly in his struggles to climb back—finally awakening to the haggard realization that by some incomprehensible jugglery of papers and figures he owed Mr. Deever five or six times as much money as Mr. Deever had given him in cash, and having it proved to him over his own signature that there was no question of the statutory rate of interest having been exceeded at any time.

Exactly thus had it been proved to the widow of a certain victim in the case that they had listened to that afternoon; and there were other similar cases that had come to the Saint's receptive knowledge.

"There were days," remarked the Saint, rather wistfully, "when some lads of the village and I would have carved Brother Deever into small places and baited lobster-pots with him from the North Foreland to the Lizard."

"And what now?" queried Peter Quentin.

"Now," said the Saint, regretfully, "we can only call on him for a large involuntary contribution to our Pension Fund for Deserving Outlaws."

Peter lowered the first quarter of his second pint.

"It'll have to be something pretty smart to catch that bird," he said. "If you asked me, I should say you couldn't take any story to him that wouldn't have to pass under a microscope."

"For which reason," murmured Simon Templar, with the utmost gravity, "I shall go to him with a story that is absolutely true. I shall approach him with a hook and line that the cleverest detective on earth couldn't criticise. You're right, Peter—there probably isn't a swindle in the encyclopaedia that would get a yard past Brother James. It's a good thing we aren't criminals. Pete—we might get our fingers burned. No, laddie. Full of righteousness and the stuff that passes for beer in this country, we shall draw nigh to Brother James with our haloes fairly glistening. It was just for a man like him that I was sacking up my Perfect Crime."

If the Saint's halo was not actually visibly luminous when he called at Mr. Deever's offices the next morning, he at least looked remarkably harmless. A white flower ("for purity," said the Saint) started in his buttonhole and flowed in all directions over his coat lapel; a monocle was screwed into his right eye; his hat sat precariously on the back of his head; and his face was relaxed into an expression of such amiably aristocratic idleness that Mr. Deever's chief clerk—a man hardly less sour-visaged than Mr. Deever himself—was even more obsequious than usual.

Simon said he wanted a hundred pounds, and would cheerfully give a jolly old note of hand for it if some johnnie would explain to him what a jolly old note of hand was.

The clerk explained, oleagiously, that a jolly old note of hand was a somewhat peculiar sort of thing that sounded nice in advertisements, but wasn't really used with important clients. Had Mr.—er—Smith?—had Mr. Smith any other kind of security?

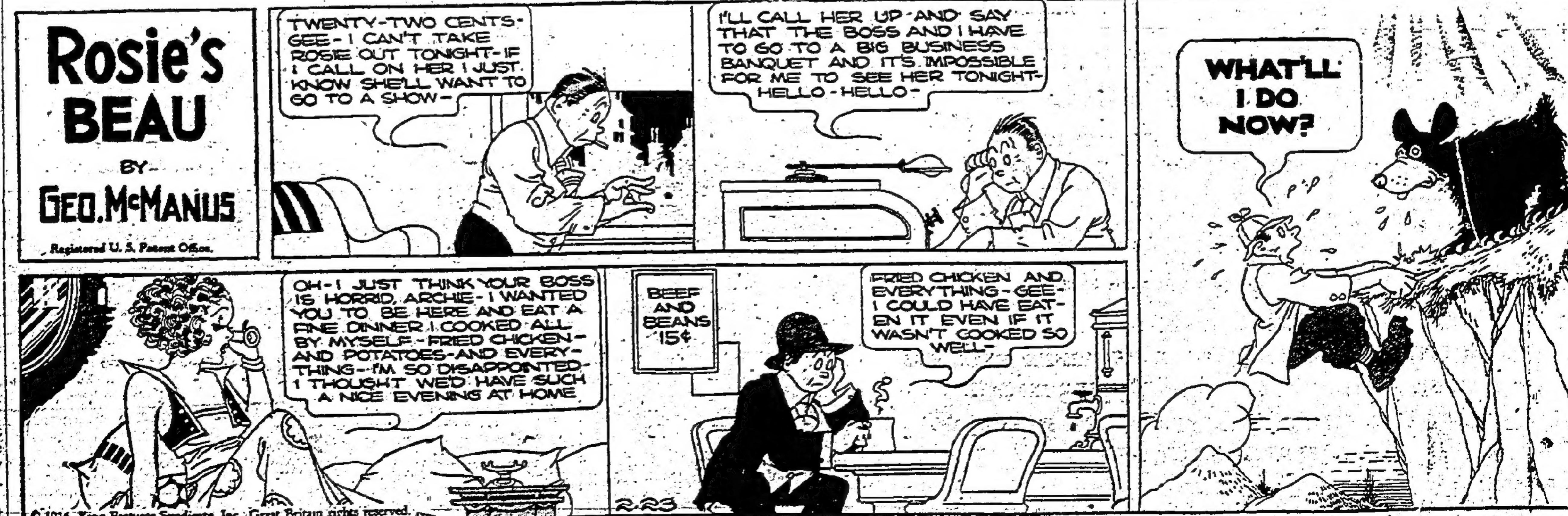
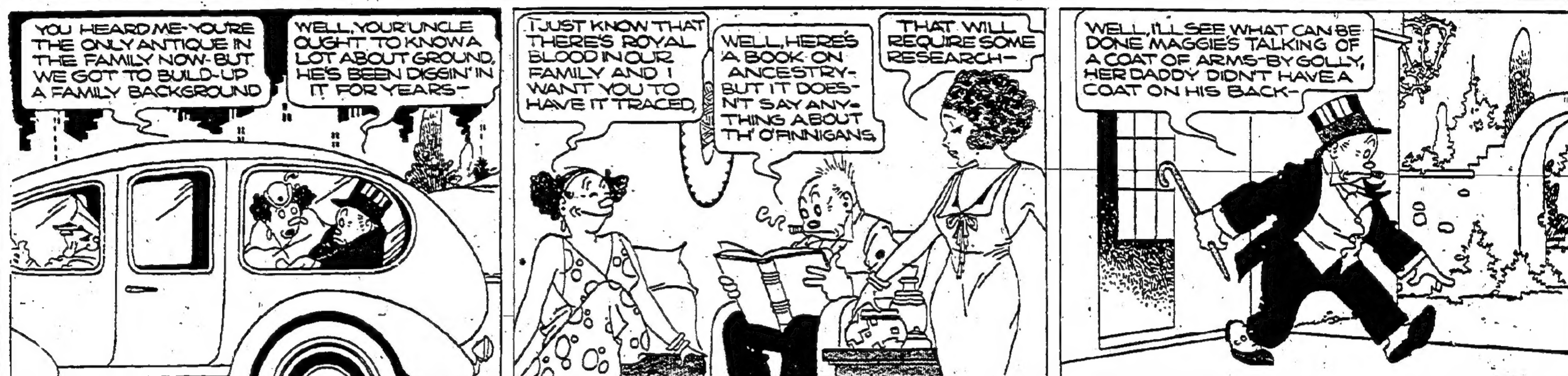
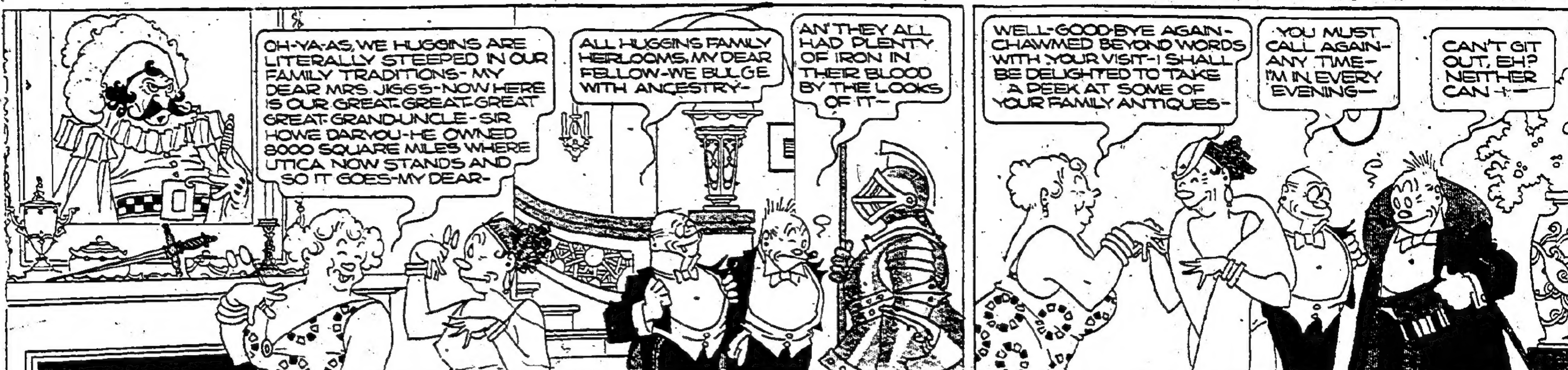
"I've got some jolly old premium bonds," said the Saint; and the clerk nodded his head in a perfect sea of oil.

"If you can wait a moment, sir, perhaps Mr. Deever will see you himself."

The Saint had no doubt that Mr. Deever would see him. He waited around patiently for a few minutes, and was ushered into Mr. Deever's private sanctum.

"You see, I lost a bally packet at Derby yesterday—every blinkin' horse fell down dead when I backed it. It work a system, but of

Bringing Up Father



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"FALLACIOUS DISTINCTIONS" POINTED OUT IN MR. LO'S SPEECH

SIR T. SOUTHORN REPLIES

COLONY DECLARED NOT OVER TAXED!

CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM WELCOMED

In his reply to the speech of the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, proposing a motion in the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, that the civil service of the Colony is more expensive than it can afford, the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Sir Thomas Southorn, after congratulating the Hon. Member on "both the manner and the matter of his maiden speech," remarked that in his opinion Mr. Lo's premises were a complete "non sequitur" from his arguments.

He spoke about a "fallacious distinction" between salaries and other forms of expenditure, and remarked that the Hon. Member seemed to contemplate a "static Colony, which has reached the end of its growth." The Colonial Secretary objected to "this implication, with which the Government cannot agree."

In support of his argument he quoted the figures of growth in the medical and education departments, required by an estimated growth in the population of the Colony from 695,500 in 1924 to 966,341 in 1935. Mr. Lo's figures of revenue, the speaker said, also represented the "estimated minimum revenue of the Colony at the nadir of a period of depression, which cannot be taken as the standard for future years."

In replying to the Hon. Mr. Lo, the Colonial Secretary said: "I should like in the first place to congratulate the Honourable Member on both the manner and the matter of his maiden speech in this Council. It was said, I think by Disraeli, that no Government can last without a strong opposition, and this Government welcomes criticism of a constructive nature, such as has been advanced in the speech to which we have just listened."

Mr. Lo's case, expressed succinctly in his own words, is "that the Colony cannot afford to maintain the existing Civil Service" and that it must "cut its coat according to its cloth." The Government would be inclined to concur, if the mover would add the proviso "in present circumstances." One is apt to be misled by metaphors and the Honourable Member seems to contemplate a static Colony, which has reached the end of its growth. It is doubtful if Mr. Lo consciously intends to put forward this view, but the view is implicit in his arguments. With this implication the Government cannot agree.

The Honourable Member takes the figure of the estimated revenue for 1936, namely \$26,671,845, which was calculated with the rate of exchange taken at 1/8d to the dollar, which revenue will, if the dollar remains at about 1/3½d, be increased by a sum estimated at \$1,170,000, representing the increased yield of the taxes based on the conventional dollar, and asserts without any explanation in support that a revenue of just over \$26½ million must be regarded as normal, or, as he says, as representing the cloth according to which the Government must cut its coat. It will be remembered that the revenue in 1931 was \$33,146,724, in 1932 \$33,549,716, in 1933 \$32,099,278 and in 1934, \$29,574,286. The final figures for 1935 are not yet to hand. The Government is of the opinion that a figure, which, it is hoped, represents the estimated minimum revenue of the Colony at the nadir of a period of depression cannot be taken as the standard for future years.

Strain Of Extra Taxation
The Government, again, is unable to agree that the Colony cannot, at the appropriate time, stand the strain of extra taxation. This Colony is frequently compared with Singapore, although its municipal undertakings are under the direct control of the Colonial Government. Honourable Members will remember that the assessed tax in Singapore is 22+2 per cent., a total of 24 per cent., in comparison with the 17 per cent., in force in this Colony, and in Singapore there is no free water allowance. The Government cannot agree that a Colony, such as Hong Kong, in which there is little direct taxation, where there is no Income Tax, where the duty on whisky and gin is one-sixth of the duty in the United Kingdom, and the duty on cigarettes proportionately even less, "is already taxed to capacity, if not beyond

The Honourable Member has devoted a considerable part of his speech to an attempt to prove that because 60 per cent. of the Colony's revenue is spent on what he calls "salaries" leaving only \$9,500,000, I quote his words, "to cover the whole cost of Civil Administration, including social services and the thousand and one items of essential public expenditure," therefore the existing Civil Service is too costly for the Colony to bear. Now I venture to assert that there is a fundamental fallacy in the Honourable Member's dramatic contrast of \$14,000,000 spent on salaries and \$9,500,000 on the whole of the civil administration, including social services. No such contrast in fact exists. The Honourable Member seems to imply that there is nothing to show for the large sum spent on salaries, but the salaries for the most part represent the cost of the civil administration and of the social services to which the Honourable Member refers. Take for example the legal departments, the cost of which goes almost entirely in salaries—what are these but part of the cost of civil administration? Or take the Medical Department, the personal emoluments of which amount to roughly eleven out of sixteen lakhs of dollars, or the Education Department with fourteen lakhs for personal emoluments out of just under nineteen lakhs. What are these but two of the social services of the Colony? Does he include Roads under items of essential Public Expenditure? It has been asserted that under certain modern methods of road making 85 per cent. of the cost goes in wages.

Complete "Non Sequitur"
The conclusion drawn by the Honourable member from his premises is a complete non sequitur. A far better analysis of Public Expenditure is to be found in a publication entitled "An Economic Survey of the Colonial Empire (1932)" published by His Majesty's Stationery Office in 1934. The figures there given in respect of several Colonies are as follows:

	H.K.	F.M.S.	Straits Settlements
Administration	38.00	34.4	41.4
Economic development	9.7	12.0	13.7
Social Services	21.8	21.5	24.5
Defence	18.9	2.8	13.3

It will be seen that the cost of administration in Hong Kong is put at 38 per cent., as against 41.4 per cent. in the Straits Settlements. Mr. Lo will of course object that the cost of administration should be computed by his method to include various other items, but this would apply alike to the computation in respect of these other Colonies. The Government's case is that the cost of administration in Hong Kong compares not unfavourably with that of other Colonies.

Fallacious Distinction
I suggest that it would be more profitable to abandon this fallacious

distinction between salaries and other forms of expenditure and to consider the question of whether the taxpayer receives an adequate return for his expenditure as a whole, whether the Colony has undertaken services which it cannot afford and whether the services it provides could be provided more cheaply than at present without undue loss of efficiency. Now these are matters which the Government has always in mind. It believes that the taxpayer does receive an adequate return for his expenditure, the services it undertakes have been asked for and indeed in most cases demanded by the public and have in all cases been approved by this Council. Such services could of course be curtailed, but the Honourable Member has wisely refrained from specifying the services he wishes curtailed, except for a hint that the Government is giving greater medical facilities than the Colony can afford.

My Honourable friend the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services has replied in detail to the most of the points raised by the second of the motion in connection with the Medical Establishment of the Colony. On this subject I shall confine myself to more general remarks on the points raised by the mover.

Services Reformed
The Medical and Sanitary Departments have during the last few years been reorganised with what was thought to be the support, if not the encouragement, of the unofficial members of this Council, a reform which culminated in the recent legislation covering all matters of public health. It must be remembered that in 1924 the estimated population of Hong Kong was 695,500 as against 966,341 in 1935. In 1924 the public health organisation of the Colony was considerably below that deemed normal for a first-class Colony such as Hong Kong then was and still is. In 1924 there was no Government Hospital in Kowloon, which had then a population of 140,000. The only medical assistance offered by Government on the peninsula was at a small outpatients' dispensary in Nathan Road. The present Government Civil Hospital, soon to be replaced by the Queen Mary Hospital, contained two wards less than today. The Maternity block at the Victoria Hospital had not been erected. There was no Central Medical Store, no special Radiological Branch or Malaria Bureau, no Venereal Diseases Clinic, no New Territories dispensary, no Infant Welfare Centres and no school welfare service, and the Tan Yik Hospital was not a Government institution.

Increase Of Patients
The amount of work performed by the Medical Department, that is the amount of service to the community of Hong Kong, may be gauged by the following figures showing the increase in the number of patients treated in Government Hospitals, clinics and dispensaries.

	1924	1935
Inpatients	6,999	12,510
Outpatients	66,578	277,138
Vaccinations	11,538	—
Operations	864	2,691

It is somewhat inopportune now to query the cost, unless the Colony is prepared to forego the services which it has till recently been demanding. In providing these services Government in no way wishes to enter into competition with private practitioners, or to provide free what can and should be paid for. A recent investigation as to the use made of the Government Hospitals by persons other than Government servants, able to afford the services of private practitioners does not support the complaint that the Government Medical Service is merely "entering into competition with the private practitioner. It is true that the fees charged could be raised, but the Government is anxious to avoid the necessity for raising them, being of the opinion that the charges at present fixed are not unduly low.

Other Departments
The Education Department like the Medical Department has developed with the times. Honourable Members will recollect how Government was urged to proceed with the new Central British School. The Police Department, regarding which I shall speak more fully later, has had new and onerous duties thrust upon it, and an

adopted in conformity with our obligations to the League of Nations, has at the same time diminished our revenue and swollen the population of our gaols.

Third Question
I now turn to the third of the questions I suggested as matters for consideration viz. whether the services rendered by the Government could be performed more cheaply without undue loss of efficiency. The Honourable Member's arguments on this point aimed chiefly to show that the Government ought to proceed more rapidly with the replacement of an admittedly expensive European staff, more particularly in the subordinate grades, by Asiatics. Mr. Lo quotes statements by the late Governor and by the Acting Colonial Secretary. The Government stands by these statements but as the Honourable Member must realise the process is an extremely slow one. The Government has the matter constantly in mind but there is a transition period in which we now are when we still have the Europeans more or less as teachers and the non-Europeans still more or less in the capacity of pupils. This is the case in the Sanitary Department, where local Sanitary Inspectors have been and are being trained. It is also the case in the Medical Department in respect of Nursing Sisters, but there are other reasons why it has not been found possible to reduce the number of nurses and increase the number of nurses. There is no difficulty with regard to recruiting probationers for the local nursing staff; in fact there is a large waiting list. In spite, however, of the salaries given, which are higher than those offered in other institutions, and in spite of the excellence of the accommodation provided, the majority of nurses leave hospital soon after qualification. This exodus has been very disappointing, especially to the teaching staff who have worked so hard to train the nurses and to hold the standard required. A large number of nurses have married, some are in Government employment, as public health nurses, others are engaged in private nursing.

Trained Nurses
It appears to be a fact that Chinese girls like their sisters in England prefer to reside in their own home or in their own quarters where there is more freedom than is possible in an institution where routine work under strict discipline must be maintained. Government trained nurses are in good demand outside and there is no difficulty in finding employment. The time must come when the number of trained nurses will be sufficient to satisfy all needs as is the case in England; when that happens graduates will be content to continue their careers in hospitals.

The following record shows the after history of Government trained nurses:

	Employed by Government of whom two are in Government Hospitals and four in outside clinics	Married	Employed by the Society for the Protection of Children	Private nursing	Nursing outside the Colony	Physically unfit	Died	Unaccounted for	Training for a medical degree
Total	47	16	17	3	2	2	2	2	1

A local branch of the Senior Clerical & Accounting Staff has been formed, but considerable difficulty has been experienced in recruiting suitable candidates from outside Government Service.

University Training
Honourable Members are already familiar with the work performed by the Electrical Department of the Public Works Department in the training and employment of local staff, but they may be unaware that University trained Chinese expect salaries equal to those drawn by European officers. Mr. Lo of course will point to the saving on passages. Leave in England, however, serves more purposes than mere recruitment of health. Many professional officers of this Government devote their leave of absence to bringing themselves up to date in their particular speciality, and increase in qualifications is reflected in increased efficiency.

The Honourable Member refers to an application for the post of

Assistant Government Analyst from a certain Chinese from Canton. On the appearance of this candidate, as his qualifications were *prima facie* satisfactory, a telegram was immediately sent to the Secretary of State for the Colonies requesting that the recruitment of a sterling officer should be postponed. That officer had, however, already sailed. The Government Analysts do important work for the mercantile community as well as for the Government and full qualified officers are necessary and the Government had no reason to believe that a local candidate with the necessary qualifications was available for the vacancy. In this connection I would remind the Honourable Member that one of the existing Assistant Analysts is a local appointee.

Disappointing Experiment
I regret to have to state that the initial experiment of employing Chinese Sub-Inspectors of Police proved unsuccessful, and that the services of the officers employed in that capacity had to be discontinued.

The Mover and Seconder of this motion have both referred to the subject of bribery and to the need for some change in the conditions of employment which would make it easier to dispense with an officer's service. Now, Sir, however desirable it may appear that the services of Government servants generally should be determined at the discretion of the Governor-in-Council, the Government is bound by the Colonial Regulations covering this matter, and it is more than doubtful whether the Secretary of State for the Colonies would grant a special dispensation therefrom in the case of one Colony. Criminal proceedings, as the Honourable Member points out, may not in certain cases be successful, but a difficulty exists in that if an officer were found guilty by the Governor-in-Council of an offence which is clearly criminal he might well protest that the Government did not venture to bring the case before a Court, so that he might take his trial before a public and independent tribunal.

The seconder proposes a far-reaching change on which he will hardly expect the Government to express an opinion at a moment's notice. The Government will, however, give careful consideration to his proposal.

The mover points the finger of reproach at certain individual officers and certain departments. He mentions the Secretary to the Director of Public Works, whose salary is on a scale recommended by the Salaries Commission, which consisted of the then Chief Justice of this Colony, together with two gentlemen who have been members of this Council. He refers to the Librarian Secretary's Office, and asks whether the one need be a sterling paid officer and the other on a salary of \$1,050. In respect of the Librarian, it should be pointed out that this officer is responsible for the preparation of Government publications and their distribution, is also the storekeeper of the office and in charge of the Government printing and publishing sales department. He also performs the clerical duties in connection with the Legislative Council meetings. It is more than doubtful whether he could be efficiently replaced by an officer on a lower scale of salary.

In regard to the Chief Clerk, who is the head of the Government Clerical Staff, and to the European clerical staff of the Colonial Secretary's Office generally, it will be remembered that this Colony differs from most other Colonies by the fact that the great majority of its inhabitants and even of its locally recruited Civil Servants are not British subjects. There is a certain amount of work which in other Colonies may be undertaken by locally born British subjects, which in this Colony has to be performed by Europeans. The growing complexity of modern government is inevitably reflected in an increase of work and responsibility in the Colonial Secretary's Office.

Non-European Students
I am glad the Honourable Member referred particularly to the proposed appointment of a sterling-paid officer as official anaesthetist. He will be interested to learn that this appointment was advocated with a view to improving the facilities for the teaching of medical students at the University of Hong Kong. The great majority of these students are non-European, but to make them proficient to replace Europeans, the engagement of Europeans, as in this instance, is necessary. The appointment in question is not that of a special sterling-paid officer as official anaesthetist, but of a Medical Officer with special experience in the administration of anaesthetics to fill a vacancy in the medical establishment for a European medical officer, and it was with a view to economy combined with efficiency that the idea of engaging a medical officer with special training in anaesthetics was conceived. Such an officer is available in the Medical Departments of the Straits Settlements and of the Federated Malay States, and the lack of a specialist in Hong Kong has laid open to serious criticism the curriculum for the instruction of students.

As I said before the Honourable Member appears to ignore the growth of the Colony within recent years, a growth which I hope and expect will continue. That growth alone accounts for the increase in several departments, and to this must be added the international obligations which the Colony has had to undertake. I would mention in passing the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, which has entailed an increase in the work of the Harbour Department, the Factory and Multi-tal legislation, which has necessitated an Inspector under the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, the development of flying with its attendant increase of staff, not only under Air Services but also under Royal Observatory, the development of Wireless services, entailing more work in both the Post Office and the Public Works Department, the increase in the Volunteer Defence Corps and the inauguration of the Naval Volunteer Force. All these additional commitments have been undertaken by the Government with the approval of this Council.

Police Force
The Honourable Member refers to the numbers of officers in the Police. The authorised establishment fifteen years ago (in 1921) was one Captain Superintendent of Police, one Deputy Superintendent of Police, three Assistant Superintendents of Police and one probationer. The provision in the estimates for this year is for one Inspector-General of Police, one Deputy Inspector-General, two Divisional Superintendents of Police, two Superintendents, seven Assistant Superintendents and one probationer. It is submitted that this increase is not disproportionate to the growth of the Colony, nor is the number of Commissioned Officers excessive for a Force of over 2,000 men. In this connection the Honourable Member will bear in mind that times of depression are not necessarily times in which the work of the Government decreases. On the contrary, such times frequently throw considerable additional work on certain Government Departments, of which the Police is one, and the Treasury another.

The Honourable Member also quoted figures to show that the Government has not implemented its promise to retrench, particularly in the matter of European staff. He quoted the number of European Civil Servants in 1935 as 975, the number given by the Government in answer to his recent question. That figure includes, however, 52 European Civil Servants on dollar salaries. The total number of European Civil Servants has increased from 647 in 1923 to 975, but the proportion of Europeans on sterling salaries to the total Civil Service in 1923 was only 965 and it has decreased to 952 in 1935. The increase in the Civil Service has been consonant with the increase in the growth of the Colony and the amount of work, municipal and otherwise, which has to be performed by the Government.

Decreasing Budget Deficit
The Government regrets that it has again, as in the case of sterling-paid officers, in 1931, found it necessary to impose a levy on the emoluments of its servants, with a view to decreasing the deficit in its budget, and these measures include a temporary levy on salaries and retrenchment in staff and work where this can be accomplished without undue loss together with an inroad into the surplus balances which have been built up to meet just such an emergency, as has now come upon us. (Continued On Page 10)

pose the levy. The Government is taking its own servants to meet what it hopes is a temporary emergency, and it is exploring every possible means of economy; it is at the same time considering every possible method of increasing the Colony's revenue. In addition it is considering the granting of facilities to officers to retire before the normal age limit, and except where it is absolutely necessary, it is not appointing new officers for whom provision is made in the estimates or filling vacancies as they occur or renewing the contracts of officers on a temporary basis. The Honourable Member asks that Government should not engage any more persons on a sterling basis without consulting this Council, and that vacancies should not be filled without similar consultation. That to a large extent represents the present practice. The annual estimates, by which the expenditure of the year is definitely limited and arranged, are submitted to this Council and in respect of any application for supplementary expenditure the approval of the Finance Committee, on which there is an unofficial majority, is almost invariably sought in the first instance.

The Honourable Member who seconded the motion suggests that an Unofficial Member should be appointed to the Appointments Board of the Senior Clerical and Accounting Service.

It is assumed that the Hon. Member refers to the Appointments Committee which deals chiefly with promotions and with the filling of vacancies as they occur. These are matters for which the Government must accept complete responsibility. The Committee does not deal with the creation of new posts or with salaries. These matters the Government is obliged by the Constitution to refer to the Legislative Council. It does so refer them and the Legislative Council after receiving such information as it may consider necessary to justify the proposals must share with the Government the responsibility for the creation of new posts and for any changes of salary scales. The Government feels that the Honourable Member's proposal would not prove satisfactory either to this Council or to the Government.

Exchange Question
The mover refers briefly and the seconder at some length to the failure of the Government to fix exchange forward for the whole of its sterling commitments for 1936 at the time when the budget for 1936 was under consideration. Even supposing such a course had been possible the Government could not properly have taken it. The matter was very fully discussed at the time. The Government was in possession of exclusive information as to the probable course of exchange in the near future. To use that information to meet a possible budgetary difficulty at an extremely critical moment for the Colony's currency, when a transaction such as that suggested might have precipitated a crisis and have caused detriment to others, appeared to the Officer then administering the Government and to his advisers to be little short of immoral.

The Government, Sir, is now engaged in the difficult task of keeping its expenditure within its means. Its expenditure happens at the moment to be inflated by commitments on large public works which cannot economically be curtailed and some of its revenue producing assets are at the moment unrealisable. The sudden drop in exchange has disturbed the equilibrium between revenue and expenditure, but there is no reason for panic or for uneconomic retrenchment. Our major commitments should be completed by this time next year, certain of our assets which do not appear in the balance sheet should be realisable as soon as commercial prosperity revives, and a cautious policy in the future should quickly restore the equilibrium.

Unusual Measures
Meanwhile the Government is obliged to take unusual and I hope temporary measures to reduce the deficit in its budget, and these measures include a temporary levy on salaries and retrenchment in staff and work where this can be accomplished without undue loss together with an inroad into the surplus balances which have been built up to meet just such an emergency, as has now come upon us. (Continued On Page 10)

LOCAL NEWS
BREVITIES

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. William Inwood Hamilton, marine engineer, residing at European Y.M.C.A., Kowloon, and Miss Doris Mona Agnes Sheppard, nurse, of Portsmouth, and now staying at Knutsford Hotel, Kowloon.

Professor Forster will deliver two more lectures on Tuesdays at 5.30 p.m. in his room in the School of Chinese Studies. The subjects will be:

March 24: "The National System of Education in England."

March 31: "The Folk High Schools of Denmark."

The quarterly general meeting of the Royal Engineers' Old Comrades' Association will be held on Tuesday next at 7.30 p.m. at the Hotel Cecil. It will be followed by a Smoking Concert at which light refreshments will be served. Will all members kindly make every effort to attend.

Professor W. Brown, M.A., B.Sc., F.R.S.E., A.M.I.E.E., will deliver a lecture of "Some Impressions of a Recent Journey to Europe via Siberia and Back by Air" (with some lantern pictures) on Monday next at 8.45 p.m. in Room "K," when the second General Meeting of the Education Society is held. All interested are cordially welcome.

Members of the Kowloon Cricket Club are reminded that the next Dance will be held on Saturday, March 28, from 9.30 p.m. to 1.30 a.m. Gentlemen \$2.00. Ladies \$1.50. To enable the Committee to make arrangements it is requested that the List on the Bar Counter be signed as early as possible.

The Standard-Vacuum Oil Co. of Union Building, have received a limited number of booklets explaining the revolutionary "Slum-free" process by which Mobiloids are now manufactured. Motorists desiring copies should apply to the advertising department of the company.

On Tuesday next Mr. Harry Ore, the well-known local pianist, is giving a recital at the Helena May Institute in celebration of the 25th anniversary of his graduation at the St. Petersburg Conservatoire. Half the proceeds to go to the Hong Kong Benevolent Society.

One case of small-pox, one of diphtheria and two of typhoid fever were notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended on Tuesday last.

The m.v. Slamese Princess from New York, sailed from Los Angeles on February 29 and is expected here on or about next Tuesday.

There will be a General Meeting of the Royal Engineers' Old Comrades' Association in the Hotel Cecil on Tuesday next, commencing at 7.30 p.m. It is requested

CONFERENCE IN
ROMEImportant Tripartite
MeetingFUTURE OF DANUBE
BASIN

CHINA MAIL SPECIAL

Rome, To-day.
The Premier of Hungary, Dr. Goombos, and the Federal Chancellor of Austria, Dr. Schuschnigg, who arrived here yesterday, expect that their stay in Rome will last about four days. They have come to attend the Tripartite Conference in the Palazzo Venezia between Italy, Austria and Hungary. The conference will open on Saturday morning and is expected to be over in the afternoon, when an official communiqué will be issued.

ITALY'S POSITION

Budapest: According to a report from Rome, coming from a high Fascist personality, the tripartite conference in Rome between Italy, Austria and Hungary is going to result in extremely important decisions concerning Italy's position in the concert of the Great Powers.

When a new mid-European settlement has been formed, Italy will closely follow public opinion in Austria and Hungary, which countries it considers as the new nucleus of future constellations in the Danube Valley. This is taken to mean that authoritative opinion in Rome is that the admission of all or the individual States of the Little Entente to the new Danube bloc would neither be desirable nor permissible. — Trans-Ocean Service.

DISCIPLINE FOR
STUDENTSDrastic Measures
In Spain

CHINA MAIL SPECIAL

Madrid, To-day.
All students' matriculations for the law faculty of Madrid University have been declared invalid by the Minister of Education, in view of the recent disorders at the University.

New matriculations can only be permitted when the applications are supported by a statement signed by the Rector of the University, testifying to the applicant's previous good conduct. Students in whose possession arms are found will be expelled for two years from the University. — Trans-Ocean Service.

It is that all members of the Branch will make an effort to attend. After the meeting there will be a concert arranged by Staff Sergeant L. Jordan, R.E. Light refreshments will be served during the evening.

"EMPRESS OF BRITAIN"

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The passenger list, in fact, is as full of interest as an egg is of meat. If you want commercial magnates, men who are used to handling millions of money, you can have Dr. Arthur Hunter, Vice-President and Actuary of the New York Life Assurance Co., which is one of the biggest and most influential firms in North America. Then there is Sir Malcolm McAlpine, head of the famous engineering and contracting firm which bears his name, accompanied by Lady McAlpine and three sons: Mr. G. Whitney Bowen, the prominent New York banker; Mr. Stephen Baker, a director of the Great Northern Railway; Mr. Fred B. Snite, Sr., Vice-President of the Chicago Board of Trade and a former President of the Life Underwriters' Association of New York; Mr. L. Davis, pioneer of the moving picture industry in England; and finally, Princess Engadine, known as the "Silver Queen" of America.

Prominent people in social circles include Mrs. C. E. Wessels, sister-in-law of Sir John Wessels, of the South African Government; the Baron and Barone de Gley; Mr. Cornelius S. Axentie, the Rumanian expert at the signing of the Versailles Peace Treaty in 1919; Commander (Ret.) C. T.

H. Bradshaw; Count Basil de Wolovey, a member of the Pontifical Academy; Mrs. B. Martin, a well-known voluntary social worker, for 17 years Honorary Secretary to a L.C.C. School and for 15 years manager of four L.C.C. Schools; and Mr. M. G. McNamara, Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael.

In addition there are hosts of other interesting people on board, so that the trip does not lack variety.

Filip To Local Trade

It is to be hoped that our visitors will give a much-needed filip to the trade of the Colony during their stay here. Many businesses can hope to benefit from the added patronage which the presence of so many visitors will be bound to represent. Many, in fact, are hoping to reap a rich harvest. Curious and local products are expected to sell well; the taxi and hired-car services can look forward with confidence to a great deal of additional business; and the hotels, cabarets, dance-halls and places of entertainment generally will also no doubt receive their share of patronage.

Our visitors may be assured that Hong Kong extends to them a hearty welcome, and we hope that they will remember their stay here as one of the highlights of their trip round the world.



Immediately after yesterday afternoon's momentous Legislative Council meeting H.E. the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, inspected the St. John Ambulance Brigade at Causeway Bay. ("China Mail" photo).

Personalities On "Britain"

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Educational Tour

Sir Malcolm told the China Mail that his principal object in taking this tour was to enable his sons to see something of the world. Travel, he considered, was the truest education, broadening the outlook in a way which could never be achieved if one were kept rooted in one place.

Asked for his opinion on the European situation Sir Malcolm said that though he viewed it seriously he was hopeful that this was merely the blackness that precedes the dawn. Matters had now reached a condition that, he thought, would clarify the whole situation. Apart from the risk of war, which, of course, had to be considered as a possibility, he was very optimistic about the future of Britain and the Empire at large.

A Touring Company

The passenger-list of the Empress of Britain contains what would appear to be somewhat of a novelty—an entire limited liability company, including chairman, managing director and shareholders, on a tour of the world together. This is Kenyon's Playhouses, Ltd., of which Mrs. Ada Kenyon is chairman of directors and her son-in-law, Mr. Douglas A. Davis, is managing director, while the shareholders are represented by her two brothers, Messrs. A. H. and A. C. Walton, her sister, Mrs. Longfield, her nephew, Mr. W. T. Longfield, and her daughter, Mrs. D. A. Davies.

A Flourishing Business

The Company owns no less than 11 cinema-theatres in Manchester and district, three in Manchester itself being first-run houses, and also finances other concerns, two of these being the Forum Theatre, Ealing, and the Forum Theatre, Kentish Town. Mr. Davies, interviewed this morning, related with gusto how, in 1914, they slipped past the somewhat troublesome Watch Committee of the day and obtained a full variety music-hall license for a cinema house, which was unconditional and could not be revoked so long as they behaved themselves. It was 11 years before another such license was granted, the Company meanwhile making hay, and plenty of it, while the sun shone. The Company were the first to introduce rear projection in the North of England, in this way defeating the Manchester fogs which had previously proved such a handicap.

The present tour is purely a pleasure trip, but Mr. Davies says that for some years he and Mrs. Davies have found the home winters somewhat trying and having exhausted most of the shorter tours, are taking this for a change.

Trade Improvement

"Coming into the harbour this morning," reminded me of San Francisco, with the cold and fog," said Mr. Fred B. Snite, one of the passengers on board the R.M.S. Empress of Britain. "Mr. Snite, who hails from Chicago, Ill., is the Vice-President of the Chicago Board of Trade and is the operator of a chain of finance companies in the principal cities of the United States. He is accompanied on this trip by Mrs. Snite, his son, Mr. Fred B. Snite, Jr., and his daughter, Miss Loretta Snite.

Mr. Snite would not be drawn into politics beyond making the statement that he did not think President Roosevelt would be re-elected when his term of office expired. Talking about the commercial aspect of the country, however, Mr. Snite said that when he left America two months ago, business was already getting better and that it had been improving ever since.

Depression Must Lift

"We have too much brains and initiative in the country," he said. "To let the depression be permanent." When asked whether they did not feel the keenness of competition from outside countries, Mr. Snite said that it was perhaps true that other countries could turn out goods at much cheaper rates than they did in the United States, but added that the quality of American goods was so definitely superior that they were not worried about outside competition.

As an example, Mr. Snite said that there was a time when Japan exported about 100 million electric light bulbs to the United States annually, but this has now been done away with to a considerable degree.

Speaking about the trip itself, Mr. Snite said they had a wonderful time. This was, he said, his first trip to China, which he described as "the highspot of the trip" and said that he was very glad to have an opportunity of coming into contact with the Chinese, whom he described as a very charming people.

Noted Film Executive

One of the most interesting personalities on board the R.M.S. Empress of Britain is Mr. D. A. Davies, who owns a chain of cinemas in Manchester and elsewhere in England.

It was Mr. Davies' opinion that the coming of the talkies had turned the scales in favour of England, whose technique and actors were equal, if not better, than their American rivals. The advent of the talkies would also supplant the Press in time, and in fact was one of the most important discoveries of the age.

"The biggest difficulty our American rivals have to contend with is the language difficulty, and they have to secure British actors and actresses before they can be assured of any success in a drama or historical film."

"I, or rather my son, Captain Alfred Davies, built the Marble Arch Theatre in 1914 and so laid the foundation of that really tremendous industry in England to-day. I also own the Croydon Theatre, which seats 4,500 people and is one of the biggest in the world."

Commenting on the recent fires which gutted several big studios in Elstree, Mr. Davies said that these occurrences would make very little difference to the progress of the companies, who were insured against all such losses.

Nothing But The Best

"The technique of our films is such to-day, that if we showed an American film in any of our theatres, we would lose about 50 per cent of our usual business!" The English-speaking public want the best we can offer them; they want intelligent films with intelligent actors or actresses, and at present we have the majority of these."

Mr. Davies was not surprised at the lack of English films in the Colony and stated that the probable reason was that, whereas America had thousands of dollars

CORRESPONDENCE

MEDICAL STAFF

(To The Editor, "China Mail")

Sir,—In the full reply, which the Honourable Director of Medical and Sanitary Services was good enough to give, at short notice, to my criticisms on the large recent increases in the European Staff of the Hospital Division of the Medical Department he seems, from his repeated reference to Medical Work in the New Territories, to have overlooked the fact that I was not questioning the provision of Medical Officers for the New Territories (set forth on page 37 of the Staff List) namely, one European Medical Officer and 2 Chinese Medical Officers; as well as 2 Chinese Medical Officers in connection with the Shing Mun scheme.

My criticisms were solely directed to the large increases in recent years of the European Staff of the Hospital Division of the Medical Department shown on page 30 and 31 of the Staff List.

H. E. POLLOCK.

Hockey Coaching

(To The Editor "China Mail")

Sir,—With reference to the report appearing in the issue of the China Mail for Tuesday, 17th inst., in connection with the re-organising of the United Hockey Club, I should be obliged if you would insert the following disclaimer in the next issue of your paper.

"I will acknowledge no responsibility for incorrect information gleaned by your reporters from unauthentic sources."

No coaching arrangements have been made by me with La Salle College nor are any such arrangements contemplated so far as I or the United Hockey Club are concerned.

H. E. GUBBAY.

[The information was obtained from a usually reliable source and was published in all good faith.—Ed.]

to throw away breaking into a market, England could not afford this and would also find things extremely difficult as the Americans had taken a stranglehold on the film markets of the world during the silent days, and, although "these strangleholds" were weakening, it would be some time before English films would be able to secure recognition in the open markets. He expressed the opinion, however, that it would probably not be very long before some of the big English studios appointed representatives to the Far East.

Tanker Trade In Britain

Mr. William Molyneux-Cohan, shipowner and partner in the firm of H. E. Moss and Co., Liverpool, London and Newcastle-on-Tyne, told Press representatives this morning that the tanker trade in Great Britain had shown a definite improvement during the past two or three months, although shipping on the whole was still pretty much on an even keel.

Frenchman's Third Visit

Making his third trip round the world, although this is his first on the Empress of Britain, Commandant Comte Basil de Wolovey, a French diplomatic press representative and special correspondent to L'Intransigeant, renewed his acquaintance with the Colony this morning.

Interviewed in his cabin, he said he knew the Colony very well and for four months, during the first year of the war, he had served as a French naval commander in the Colony.

He did not comment on the European situation as he explained his English was a little faulty, and in the course of conversation he might convey a wrong impression.

He, like many others on board, complained of the terrific heat which they had experienced for the past eight weeks and said Hong Kong was indeed a "God-send" after Java and Singapore.

To-day's Programme

The following local programmes have been arranged for to-day for the visitors:—

For "A" Party, lunch has been arranged on board the vessel. At 2.30 p.m. they will leave the Empress by motor-cars for the 60-mile trip round the New Territories. At 7.30 p.m. cars will be waiting to convey the passengers from the Empress to the

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M. VENIZELOS'
REMAINS
TO BE BURIED ON
CRETE

CHINA MAIL SPECIAL

Athens, To-day.

The mortal remains of the late former Premier, M. Eulanthrios Venizelos, are to be brought home for interment by two torpedo-boats which are now waiting at Brindisi. The rest of the Greek fleet will render the Greek statesman great honours when the body arrives in Greek waters.

The body will then lie in state for two days—in the Cathedral Church of Athens, and finally be removed to Canaan on the island of Crete, where M. Venizelos was born. It is proposed that the one-time national hero be buried on the rocky islet on the Cretan coast, and that a lighthouse be erected over the spot.—Trans-Ocean Service.

Local Passengers

Several prominent Hong-Kong citizens are leaving by the luxury liner Empress of Britain.

They include Mr. A. L. Shields, Principal of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., who is proceeding home on vacation, Mr. M. J. Breen, Postmaster-General, who is proceeding home on long service leave, and Mr. G. Madgwick, of the Public Works Department.

Mr. Warner Oland, the film star, and Mrs. Oland, who left the Colony yesterday by the Empress of Asia, will join the Empress of Britain in Shanghai.

"FALLACIOUS DISTINCTIONS" POINTED OUT

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The Government agrees with the resolution standing in the name of the Honourable Member only in so far as it refers to present circumstances. It cannot accept all the arguments advanced by Mr. Lo in support of his motion and it hopes that the Honourable Member after hearing this explanation will be content with the ventilation of a very important matter and will not press his motion to a division. (Applause).

Leave to Confer

Hon. Mr. Lo: "Before I say a word in reply I wish to ask if Your Excellency would give the Unofficial Members leave to confer for a few minutes with reference to some of the remarks of the Colonial Secretary."

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: "This was granted on a previous occasion."

H.E. The Governor's Speech

UNOFFICIALS SUPPORTED

H.E. the Governor: "I would like the privilege of addressing the Council myself."

H.E. the Governor said: "I want to thank the Honourable Member who proposed this Resolution for a most useful critical speech. If his particular points could not have been met to the very full extent that they have been met by my Honourable colleague, the Colonial Secretary, it would of course have signified that the authorities who framed our past budgets and the Councilors who passed them were either negligent, incapable or improvident. Happily for their reputation and for the Colony's well-being the picture is not in fact so black as the Honourable Member has painted it. Its gloomy tones, I am bold to believe, are partly and largely the shadows of the dark clouds of a passing depression."

"But the pragmatic value of criticism lies not in the answers given to particular points but in the general reaction which it evokes; and I can assure this Council that the Government will, so long as any rate as I am associated with it, react to Mr. Lo's two main points: firstly, that staff must be kept at the minimum compatible with efficiency; second, that the percentage of local recruits must be kept at the maximum so compatible."

"Coming from the Straits Settlements, I am already accustomed to find in the Unofficial Members on Finance Committee the trusty watch-dogs of the taxpayer; this is an important function and none the less salutary because they may occasionally be found barking up the wrong tree. But the mover of this resolution, in his two main points, is undoubtedly on the right scent and one that I have been following myself."

"Inter-Colonial comparisons are difficult. Variations in Exchange rate here, and the complexities of Municipal, Rural Board, Education Board and Hospital Board finance in the Straits Settlements, make a comparison between the two Far Eastern Colonies particularly difficult. But if my calculation is correct that the Straits Settlements salaries bill, exclusive of pensions and allowances, is 46 per cent. of their 1936 budget and 56 per cent. of their annually recurrent expenditure, I should tell you also that their mounting pensions liability has been a matter of increasing concern to their Legislative Council, and that the ear-marking out of general surplus of a Pensions Reserve Fund has been recently mooted."

Sympathy With Motive

"While therefore I am not prepared to subscribe to the letter of this motion I have a grateful sympathy with its spirit, and I will say now on behalf of the Government that no vacant post on the establishment will be filled without examining the possibility of its retrenchment and that no officer will be engaged from overseas without first examining the possibility of a local recruitment."

"In the latter connection, however, I desire to refer to one passage in the Colonial Secretary's speech, the passage in which he told us that University-trained Chinese expect salaries equal to those drawn by European officers. That, surely, is an unreasonable expectation. European officers have to endure and to finance climatically enforced separations from their families, and it is an

accepted and uncriticised principle in Malaya that at least 25 per cent. of their salaries represents an overseas allowance. I feel sure that the principle will prove equally acceptable here when people have had time to think it over."

"The Honourable the Senior Unofficial Member who seconded the motion has been given, in answer to his remarks regarding the Government's refusal last autumn to fix exchange forward for its sterling commitments this year, the very reply that he hoped would not be given. That is because it is the true and only possible reply. I was not here at the time, but I have read the correspondence and from it emerges very plainly the dilemma in which the Government found itself. It was on the one hand, as the Honourable Member expressed it, the trustee of the taxpayer; and it was on the other the keeper of the public conscience."

Moral Principles

"The fact that the advice for fixing exchange forward was tendered unanimously by the Unofficial Members of this Council was proof enough that the proposal was not morally indefensible. But there are matters in which a Government should not allow itself to be placed in a position where a defence of its morality may be evaded for. For the Government to have fixed exchange forward with an exclusive foreknowledge of relevant future events to be brought about by itself might, I consider, have created a situation in which official scrupulousness could have been questioned; and questionings of that kind might have done the Administration greater injury than it would have reaped financial gain by fixing exchange forward."

"That is all I have to say on this motion but before putting it to the vote I would ask the Honourable proposer to consider whether his purpose has not been adequately served by this debate; if it has, there is hardly any need to proceed to a division. I will gladly accede to the proposer's wish to confer with his colleagues on this matter." (Applause).

Motion Defeated By Nine To Six

HON. MR. BRAGA ABSTAINS FROM VOTING

The Unofficial Members then left the Council Chamber, and on returning after seven minutes, the Hon. Mr. Lo, addressing the Council said:

"May I, Sir, thank the Hon. Colonial Secretary for his very able and comprehensive statement and my Hon. friend Dr. Wellington. It is impossible to reply to such a lengthy statement at a moment's notice, but I hope the Honourable Colonial Secretary will forgive me if I say frankly that I am not myself convinced that everything has been done to effect retrenchment in all directions during the past few years. We are very grateful to Your Excellency for what you have said and I am personally grateful to Your Excellency for your comments and the spirit in which you have accepted and considered my motion."

"But the object of this motion is not so much to criticise what has been done in the past, as to focus with as concentrated a light as possible on the danger signals disclosed by the present, and pointing ominously to the future. That the Civil Establishment is overstaffed is the general impression of the public, is the conviction of the Unofficial Members and, I believe, conceded by a substantial number of the Civil Servants themselves."

"The idea of the motion is to record our views of the present so that they will serve as a useful reminder. I submit that only a frank recognition and acceptance of this view can constitute the impelling determination to effect all possible retrenchments, and for this reason I must press for a division."

The motion was then put to the vote, being defeated by 9 votes to 6. Mr. Braga was the only Unofficial Member not to record a vote."

H.E. the Governor: "You are abstaining, Mr. Braga."

Hon. Mr. Braga: "I am abstaining from voting for the reasons I now explain. My reasons are that

the statements from the Government have been so satisfactory in giving a frank and candid expression of opinion on the criticisms that have been advanced on the subject of the necessity for retrenchment in the future. This to my mind satisfactory, and is in support of the very spirit of the resolution proposed on behalf of the Unofficial Members."

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock: "I would like to mention, Your Excellency, that although the Hon. Dr. Braga is not present he is in general sympathy with the motion."

The Council then adjourned sine die.

Medical Reply To Criticism

INCREASED EXPENSE JUSTIFIED

The Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, addressing the Council, said:

1. "When making comparisons between the present medical staff and that of say 1930 or 1929 it is only fair that certain facts should be borne in mind."

(a) "That the Medical Department when I arrived in 1929 was admittedly inadequate for the work it had to perform, and the first task set me was that of reorganisation of the Medical and Sanitary Services."

(b) "That a 20 per cent. leave reserve must be allowed if officers are to get their proper quota of leave."

(c) "That in a small service, although for clearness of administration the staff is divided into branches, it is not economical to provide a 20 per cent. leave reserve for each branch but that the largest section should carry a sufficient reserve to allow of such replacements as the Malarialogist, the Bacteriologist, the Radiologist, and so on."

(d) "That in 1929 there was no adequate leave reserve."

2. "The fact that the individual officers were appointed since 1930 does not seem to be relevant. The date of appointment does not necessarily imply the creation of a new post but ordinarily implies only that an existing vacancy was filled on that date."

Increase Of Two

"The 1929 staff list shows that there were then eight Medical Officers all but one of whom belonged to what is now the Hospital Division, and that one exception helped in hospital work when occasion demanded. The number quoted by the Hon. Member is 10, an increase of only two."

3. "The work of the hospital division includes duties in connection with:

- (a) "Government Civil Hospital—both inpatients and outpatients."
- (b) "Government Mental Hospital."
- (c) "Victoria Hospital—inpatients and outpatients."
- (d) "Kowloon Hospital—inpatients and outpatients."
- (e) "Infectious Diseases Hospital."
- (f) "Victoria Gaol Hospital."
- (g) "Lai Chi Kok Prison Hospital."
- (h) "Kowloon Mortuary."
- (i) "Families of Government servants, Victoria."
- (j) "Families of Government servants, Kowloon."
- (k) "New Territories Dispensaries—six in number."
- (l) "Hospital at Jubilee Reservoir (Shing Mun)."

4. "Since 1929 there has been a considerable increase in the various activities connected with the hospital division:

(a) "At the three general hospitals only the inpatients have increased from 6,845 in 1929 to 8,614 in 1935, the outpatients from 19,450 to 150,623."

(b) "Work at the gaol and prison hospitals has so increased that the Superintendent of Prisons has asked for a whole time Medical Officer."

(c) "The number of bodies dealt with at the Kowloon Mortuary was 2,625 in 1929 and 3,107 in 1935."

"In addition, 97,575 rats were examined."

Work In New Territories

(d) "In the New Territories work has greatly increased, there being six dispensaries instead of two, also a travelling dispensary."

(e) "At Jubilee Reservoir (Shing Mun) there is a small hospital and an outpatient clinic for 2,000 labourers."

5. "With regard to the domiciliary treatment of Government servants there has been no outstanding increase and there is now for this duty the same number of Medical Officers as there was in 1929, viz. one for Victoria—who also

does the Gaol and Infectious Diseases Hospital and acts as Police Surgeon—and one for Kowloon, who also does the prisons, the Mortuary, the New Territory and in addition is Railway Medical Officer."

6. "It will be seen that the small increase of staff of the Hospital Division from eight to ten is in no way due to the change of the Government Orders which allowed of senior officers being attended in their houses when such was necessary."

7. "It is not therefore correct to say that a good deal of the time of the present medical officers could be saved if people who now go to Government Hospitals were compelled to consult private practitioners."

Private Firms Of Doctors

8. "With regard to the Hon. Member's suggestion that the Government should arrange for contracts with private firms of doctors for medical attendance, the Government does not consider that the arrangement would be economical. The amount of time spent over domiciliary visits is far less than the Hon. Member seems to think. This is obvious from the large amount of other work the Medical Officers for Families have to do."

9. "There is no restriction on any officer's choice of doctor but Government servants are not compelled to ignore the qualifications of Government Medical Officers and seek the attention of Private Practitioners."

10. "The Hon. Member has been misinformed—it is not the policy of the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services for the Government to take over (at the expense of the taxpayer) all the Medical Services of the Colony and to drive eventually the private practitioners out of business. There are already adequate nursing homes where the private practitioners can attend their own patients."

11. "The custom of restricting treatment in Government hospitals to members of the Hospital Staff does not differ materially from that in vogue elsewhere."

12. "In the so-called voluntary hospitals in London, if a patient chooses to resort there for treatment he must put up with treatment by one of the staff: the same applies to the Municipal Hospitals of London or Glasgow: the same applies to Hospitals in America, in Germany, in France and Italy: the same applies to Malaya."

Queen Mary Hospital

13. "With regard to the staffing of the Queen Mary Hospital, it is intended that the same system as prevails at the Government Civil Hospital shall prevail there viz.—that the work shall be divided between the Government Medical Staff and the Government Consultants who are Professors in the University. The Government Staff then as now will consist of both European Medical Officers and Chinese Medical Officers."

14. "The number of Chinese Medical Officers in the service already represents 43 per cent. of the total number of qualified medical officers, and this proportion will be increased."

15. "I hope that the replies I have given will convince the Hon. senior Member that the small increase of Medical Officers from 8 to 10 is justified."

HOUSE COLLAPSE

White Ants And Dry Rot Responsible

Mr. H. J. Best an overseer of the Public Works Department that the joists on the roofs and floors of the houses which collapsed at Woosung Street on February 19, although apparently sound, had been badly affected by white-ants and dry rot when he gave evidence."

Before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when the inquiry was continued into the deaths of eight persons, who were killed in the collapse of houses at Woosung Street, Yau-mat.

After the evidence of Mr. Wong Tai-yuen, the owner of the houses, the Coroner informed the jury that that was all the evidence he proposed to call, as the other witnesses were merely corroborative. The proceedings were then adjourned to 12 noon on Tuesday next when he would sum up.

COMMISSION ON "MUI TSAI"

Government Expected To Contribute

COUNCIL QUESTIONS

That the Government will be expected to contribute a share of the cost of the recently appointed Mui Tsai Enquiry Commission, was disclosed by the Colonial Secretary in answer to questions by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, O.B.E., at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council.

Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga asked: 1. Will the Government communicate to the Council any information in its possession concerning the telegraphed report, dated London, March 6, 1936, that Mr. J. H. Thomas has decided to despatch a Commission of Enquiry from Britain to Hong Kong to further investigate the mui tsai system?

2. Will the Government inform the Council whether—(a) the report is true (b) if true, at whose expense the Commission will be proceeding to Hong Kong; and (c) if it be at the Colony's expense, will His Excellency the Governor forthwith protest against the imposition of any further expenditure on local taxpayers in presence of the Colony's unbalanced Budget for the current financial year?

Government Reply

Replying, the Colonial Secretary said:

(1) The report is correct and the Honourable Member will be already aware that the Secretary of State has appointed Sir Wilfrid Woods, Miss E. Picton-Turberville and Mr. C. A. Willis to be members of the Commission. No information has been received as to when the Commission will arrive. The proposal to appoint a Commission was referred to this Government and was considered in Executive Council where the view was taken that the first conclusion of the Report to the recent Committee on mui tsai in Hong Kong (Sessional Paper 8/1935) rendered it desirable to welcome a Commission if one should be appointed.

(2) This Government will certainly be expected to contribute a share of the cost.

(3) For the reason given in the first paragraph of this reply the Government is unable to protest in the manner suggested.

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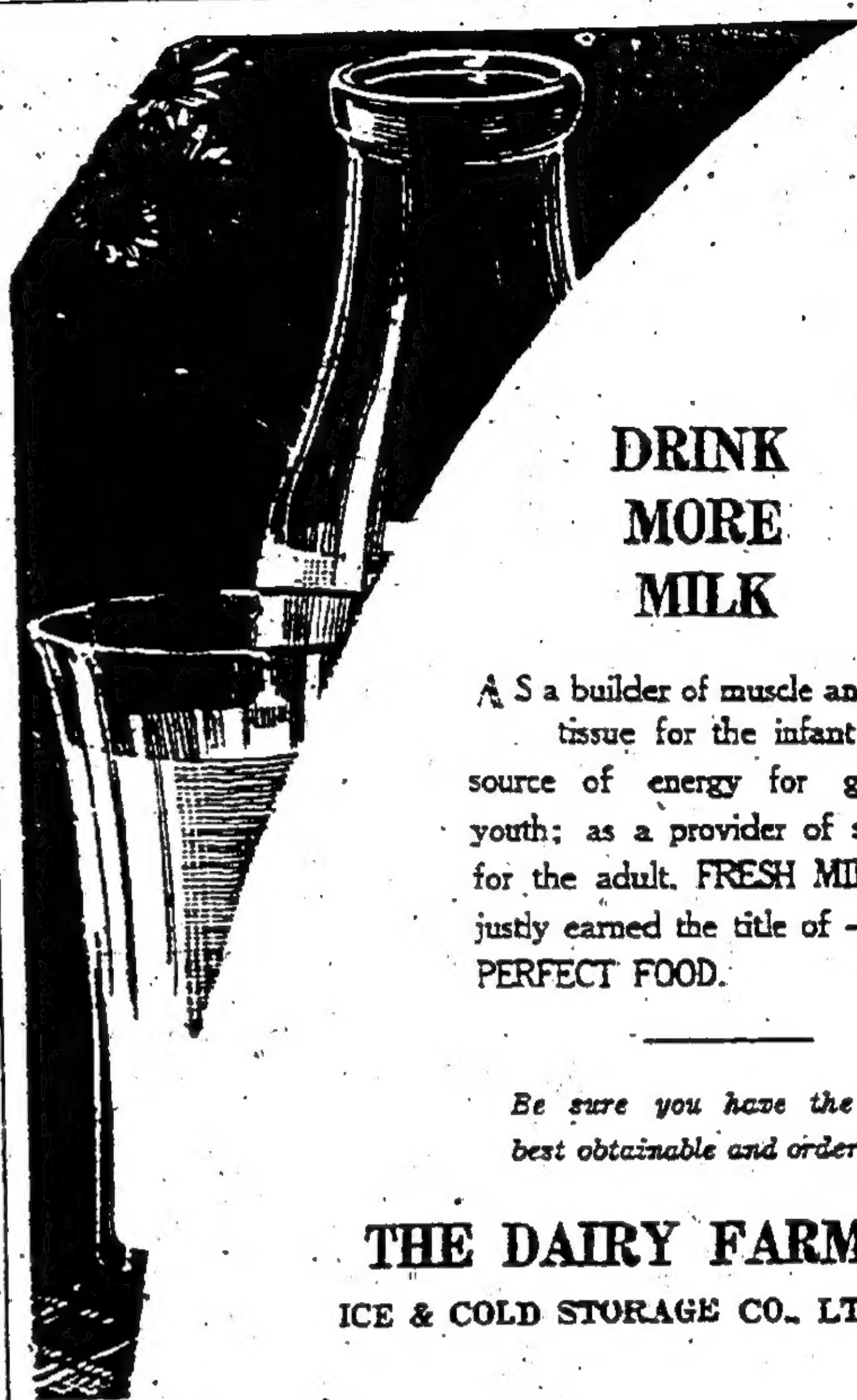
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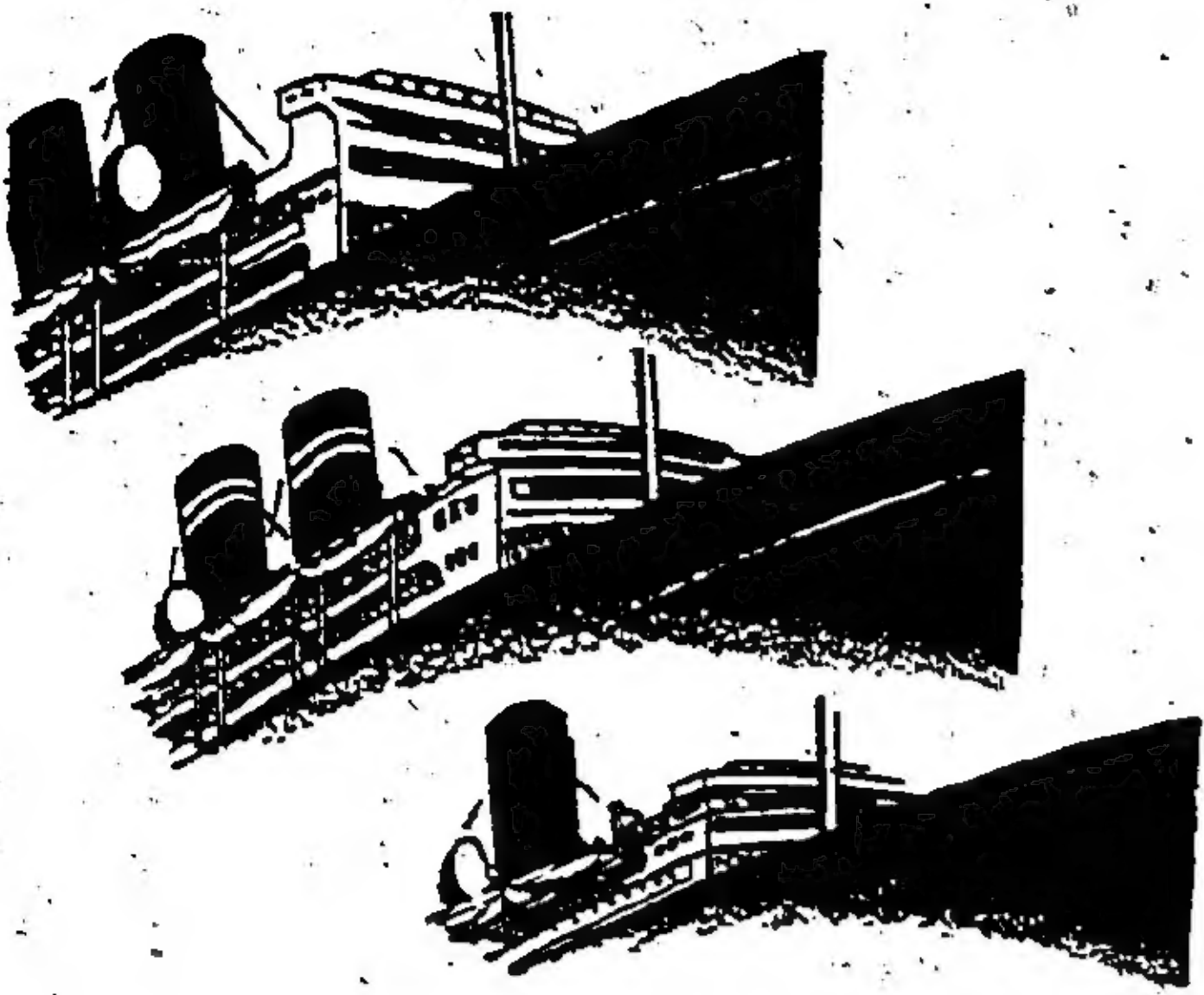
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The Perfect Crime

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course you can't back a winner every day. I know I'll get it back, though—the chap who sold me the system said it had never let him down."

Mr. Deever's eyes gleamed. If there was anything that satisfied every one of his requirements for a successful loan, it was an astute young man with a monochrome who believed in racing systems.

"I believe you mentioned some security, Mr.—er—Smith. Naturally we should be happy to lend you a hundred pounds without any formalities, but—"

"Oh, I've got these jolly old bonds. I don't want to sell 'em, because they're having a draw this month. If you hold the lucky number you get a fat bonus. Sort of lottery business, but quite gilt-edged and all that sort of thing."

He produced a large envelope, and passed it across Mr. Deever's desk. Deever extracted a bunch of expensively watermarked papers artistically engraved with green and gold lettering which proclaimed them to be Latvian 1929 Premium Loan (British Series) Bearer Bonds; value £25 each.

The financier crunched them between his fingers, squinted at the ornate characters suspiciously through a magnifying glass, and looked again at the Saint.

"Of course, Mr. Smith, we don't keep large sums of money on the premises. But if you like to leave these bonds with me until, say, two o'clock this afternoon, I'm sure we shall be able to make a satisfactory arrangement."

"Keep 'em by every manner of means, old bean," said the Saint airily. "So long as I get the jolly old quidlets in time to take 'em down to the three-thirty to-day, you're welcome."

Conveniently enough, this happened to be the first day of the Manchester September meeting. Templar paraded again at two o'clock, collected his hundred pounds, and rejoined Peter at their hotel.

"I have a hundred pounds of Brother James's money," he announced. "Let's go and spread it around on the most frantic outsiders we can find."

They went to the races, and it so happened that the Saint's luck was in. He had doubled Mr. Deever's hundred pounds when the result of the last race went up on the board—but Mr. Deever would not have been seriously troubled if he had lost the lot. Five hundred pounds' worth of Latvian Bearer Bonds had been deposited as security for the advance, and in spite of the artistic engraving on them there was no doubt that they were genuine. The interval between Simon Templar's visit to Mr. Deever in the morning and the time when the money was actually paid over to him had been devoted to an expert scrutiny of the bonds, coupled with inquiries at Mr. Deever's brokers, which had definitely established their authenticity—and the Saint knew it.

"I wonder," Simon Templar was saying as they drove back into the town, "if there's any place here where you could buy a false beard. With all this money in my pockets, why should you wait for Nature to take her course?"

Nevertheless, it was not with the air of a man who has collected a hundred pounds over a couple of well-chosen winners that the Saint went to Mr. Deever the next day. It was Saturday, but that meant nothing to Mr. Deever. He was a man who kept only the barest minimum of holidays, and much good business might be done with temporarily embarrassed members of the racing fraternity on the second day of the meeting.

It appeared very likely on this occasion. "I don't know how the horse managed to lose," said the Saint mournfully.

"Dear me!" said Mr. Deever, unconsciously. "Dear me! Did it lose?"

The Saint nodded.

"I don't understand it at all. The chap who sold me this system said it had never had more than three losers in succession. And the stakes go up so frightfully fast. You see, you have to put on more money each time, so that when you win you get back your losses as well. But it simply must win to-day—"

"How much do you need to put on to-day, Mr. Smith?"

"About eight hundred pounds. But what with buzzing around and having a few drinks and what not, don't you know—if you could make it an even thousand—"

Mr. Deever rubbed his hands over each other with a face of abysmal gloom.

"A thousand pounds is quite a lot of money, Mr.—er—Smith. But of course if you can offer some security—purely as a business formality, you understand—"

"Oh, I've got lots more of those jolly old Latvian Bonds," said the Saint. "I think I bought about two hundred of 'em. Got to try and pick up a bonus somehow, what?"

Mr. Deever nodded like a mandarin.

"Of course, Mr. Smith. Of course. And it just happens that one of our advances was repaid to-day, so I may be able to find a thousand pounds for you in our safe." He pressed a bell on his desk, and a clerk appeared. "Mr. Goldberg, will you see if we can oblige this gentleman with a thousand pounds?"

The clerk disappeared again, and came back in a few moments with a sheaf of banknotes. Simon Templar produced another large envelope, and Mr. Deever drew from it an even thicker wad of bonds. He counted them over and examined them carefully one by one; then he took a printed form from a drawer, and unscrewed the cap of a Woolworth fountain-pen.

"Now if you will just complete our usual agreement, Mr. Smith—"

Through the glass partition that divided Mr. Deever's sanctum from the outer office there suddenly arose the expostulations of an extraordinarily loud voice. Raised in a particularly raucous north-country accent, it made itself heard so clearly that there was no chance of missing anything it said.

"I tell you, I'd know that man anywhere. I'd know 'im in a dark room if I was blindfolded. It was Simon Templar, I tell you. I saw 'im coom in, an' I says to myself, 'That's the Saint, that is. I had wife an' loogage with me, so I takes 'em into 'otel an' cooms straight back. I'm going to see that Saint if I wait here two years.'"



Hated Rivals—Between Scenes. During the shooting of Samuel Goldwyn's production, "The Wedding Night," Ralph Bellamy and Gary Cooper are hated rivals for the affections of lovely Anna Sten. But between "takes" they get together and pose affectionately. The film, which comes to the Star Theatre to-day, is released through United Artists.

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The buttery voice of Mr. Goldberg could be heard protesting. Then the north-country voice drowned it again.

"Then if you won't let me in, I'll go straight out an' fetch policeman. That's what I'll do."

There was an eruption without as of someone departing violently into the street; and the Saint looked at Mr. Deever. Simon's hand was outstretched to grasp the pile of banknotes—then he saw Deever's right hand come out of a drawer, and a nickel-plated revolver with it.

"Just a moment, Mr.—er—Smith," Deever said slowly. "I think you're in too much of a hurry."

He touched the bell on his desk again. Mr. Goldberg reappeared, mopping his swarthy brow. There was a glitter in Deever's greenish eyes which told Simon that the revolver was not there merely for the purposes of intimidation. The Saint sat quite still.

"Look in this gentleman's pockets, Mr. Goldberg. Perhaps he has some evidence of identity on him."

The clerk went over and began a search. The monochrome had vanished from the Saint's right eye, and the expression on his face was anything but vacuous.

"You filthy miser!" he blazed. "I'll see that you're sorry for this. No-one has insulted me like this for years—"

Coolly Deever leaned over the desk and smacked Simon over the mouth. The blow cut the Saint's lip.

"A crook should be careful of his tongue," Deever said.

"There's a letter here, Mr. Deever," said the clerk, laying it on the blotter. "It's addressed to Simon Templar. And I found this as well."

"This" was another large envelope, the exact replica of the one in which Simon had handed over his Latvian Bonds. Deever opened it, and found that it contained a similar set of bonds; and when he had counted them he found that they were equal in number to those which he had accepted for security.

"I see, Mr.—er—Smith." The close-set eyes gleamed. "So I've been considered worthy of the attentions of the famous Saint. And a very pretty swindle too. First you borrow money on some genuine bonds; then you come back and try to borrow more money on some more genuine bonds—but when I'm not looking you exchange them for forgeries. Very neat, Mr. Templar. It's a pity that man outside recognised you. Mr. Goldberg, I think you might telephone for the police."

"You'll be sorry for this," said the Saint more calmly, with his eyes on Deever's revolver.

A police inspector arrived in a few minutes. He inspected the two envelopes and nodded.

"That's an old trick, Mr. Deever," he said. "It's lucky that you were warned. Come along, you—put your hands out."

Simon looked down at the handcuffs.

"You don't need those," he said. "I've heard about you," said the inspector grimly, "and I think we can come on, now, and no nonsense."

For the first time in his life Simon felt the cold embrace of steel on his wrists. A constable put his hat on for him, and he was marched out into the street.

A small crowd had collected outside, and already the rumour of his identity was passing from mouth to mouth.

The local inspector did not spare him. Simon Templar was a celebrity, a capture that every officer in England had once dreamed of making, even if of late it had been found impossible to link his name with any proven crimes; and once arrested he was an exhibit to be proud of. The police station was not far away, and the Saint was compelled to walk to it with his manacled wrists chained to the constable on his left and the inspector striding on his right.

He was charged with attempting to obtain money under false pretences; and when it was all written down they asked him if he had anything to say.

"Only that my right sock is wearing a bit thin at the heel," answered the Saint. "Do you think someone could be so kind to my hotel and dig out a new pair?"

He was locked in a cell to be brought before the magistrate on the following Monday. It was Simon Templar's third experience of that, but he enjoyed it no more than the first time.

During Sunday he had one consolation. He was able to divert himself with thoughts of what he could do with about ten thousand pounds.

Monday morning brought a visitor to Manchester in the portly shape of Chief Inspector Claud Enstace Teal, who automatically came north at the news of the sensational arrest which had been the front-page splash of every newspaper in the kingdom. But

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the expert witness who came with him caused a much greater sensation. He examined the contents of the two envelopes, and scratched his head.

"Is this a joke?" he demanded. "Every one of these bonds is perfectly genuine. There isn't a forgery among them."

The local inspector's eyes popped half-way out of his head.

"Are you sure?" he blurted.

"Of course I'm sure," snapped the disgusted expert. "Any fool can see that with half an eye. Did I have to give up a perfectly good day's golf to tell you that?"

Chief Inspector Teal was not interested in the expert's golf. He sat on a bench and held his head in his hands. He was not quite certain how it had been worked, but he knew there was something very wrong somewhere.

Presently he looked up. "And Deever struck him in the office—that isn't denied."

"No, sir," admitted the local inspector. "Mr. Deever said—"

"And you marched Templar through the streets in broad daylight, handcuffed to a constable?"

"Yes, sir. Knowing what I did about him—"

"I'd better see the Saint," said Teal. "If I'm not mistaken, someone's going to be sorry they knew so much."

He was shown into Simon's cell, and the Saint rose languidly to greet him.

"Hello, Claud," he murmured. "I'm glad you've arrived. A gang of these local half-wits in funny hats—"

"Never mind that," said Teal bluntly. "Tell me what you're getting out of this."

Simon pondered.

"I shouldn't accept anything less than ten thousand pounds," he said finally.

The light in Chief Inspector Teal's understanding strengthened slowly. He turned to the local inspector, who had accompanied him.

"By the way," he said, "I suppose you never found that man from Huddersfield, or whoever it was that blew the gaff?"

"No, sir. We've made inquiries at all the hotels, but he seems to have disappeared. I've got a sort of description of him—a fairly tall broad-shouldered man with a beard—"

"I see," said Teal, very sleepily. Simon dipped into the local inspector's pocket and calmly bor-

rowed a packet of cigarettes. He lit one.

"If it's any help to you," he said, "the report of everything that happened in Deever's office is perfectly true. I went to him for some money, and then went to him for some more. Every time I offered excellent security. I behaved myself like a law-abiding citizen—"

"Why did you call yourself Smith?"

"Why shouldn't I? It's a grand old English name. And I always understood that you could call yourself anything you liked so long as you didn't do it with intent to defraud. Go and tell Deever to prove the fraud—I just had to have some cash to go to the races. I had those Latvian bonds with me, and I thought that if I gave my real name I'd be making all sorts of silly difficulties. That's all there was to it. But did anyone make an honest attempt to find out if there was a fraud?"

"I see," said Teal again—and he really did see.

"They did not," said the Saint in a pained voice. "What happened? I was assaulted. I was abused. I was handcuffed and marched through the streets like a common burglar, followed by shop girls and guttersnipes, suspended by press photographers. I was shoved in a cell for 48 hours, and I wasn't even allowed to send for a clean pair of socks. A bunch of flat-footed nincompoops told me when to get up, when to eat, when to take exercise, and when to go to bed again—just as if I'd already been convicted. Deever's story has been published in every paper in the United Kingdom. And do you know what that means?"

Teal did not answer. And the Saint's forehead began to bulge. Tapped him debonairly in the rhythm of the Saint's seraphic accents, in a gesture that Teal knew only too well.

"It means that there's one of the swiftest legal actions waiting for me to win in—an action for damages for wrongful imprisonment, defamation of character, libel, slander, assault, battery, and the Lord alone knows what. I wouldn't take a penny less than ten thousand pounds. I may even want more. And do you think James Deever won't come across?"

Chief Inspector Teal had no reply. He knew Deever would pay. (THE END.)

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Milan, To-day.
In view of the tripartite Danube conference beginning in Rome to-day, the leading paper here, "Stampa" of Turin, writes in a triumphant note, declaring that the opening of these deliberations proves that after four months of sanctions, Italy is still unhampered in movement. "Stampa" recalls the moral courage shown by the two Danube countries, in not taking part in the sanctions, as the only members of the League to do so. The imposing of the sanctions has in consequence brought these three countries economically and politically closer together. — Trans-Ocean Service.

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EARLIER MARKET REPORT

An earlier message said that world tin stocks should be of a minimum of 23,500 tons, equivalent to 15 per cent. of the annual consumption (calculated at 156,000 tons), or the requirements for seven weeks, was the opinion expressed in a review of the tin situation published by Vivian Younger and Bond.
This quantity should be distributed as follows: the United Kingdom, 5,000 tons; the United States, 6,000 tons; afloat, 8,500 tons; Arnhem, in Holland, and the Straits Settlements, should have a carry over of 4,000 tons.
On the basis of the present 85 per cent. quota, production was now 1,650 tons per month above the consumption and the desired 23,500 tons of stocks would be reached half way through July.
The review added that the Tin Committee could then concentrate on balancing supply and demand, which at the present rate of consumption would permit a quota of 72.5 per cent.
Regarding 1937 and onward it was pointed out that if restriction broke down, potential world production would be about 225,000 tons annually, which would exceed the consumption by 280 tons every working day.

WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone remains stationary over China and Japan, with maximum pressures indicated to the north of the Yangtze Valley and over Central Japan. East winds, moderate; cloudy generally, was the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

Mrs. David L. Dunlop, of Amsterdam, New York, who has many friends in Hong Kong, is a passenger by the Empress of Britain, accompanied by her daughters Margaret and Grace.



Mr. D. L. Prophet and Miss Helen Knill passing under the archway of hockey sticks held by girls from the Central British School after their wedding at the Union Church last Wednesday. ("China Mail" photo).

AGREEMENT REACHED

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Berlin: The news of the terms of the Locarno agreement is described in Wilhelmstrasse circles as lessening the tension. The proposal for an international conference is favourably received, though the addition to the agenda of Central European problems, disarmament, and economic problems is regarded as somewhat encumbering the conference, since it is considered that the seven points enunciated by Herr Hitler on March 7 are sufficiently far-reaching.

It is pointed out that the appeal to the Hague on the Franco-Soviet Pact will not touch the political and military side of the agreement, while the British assurance of support for France and Belgium in the case of aggression is regarded as only temporarily necessary until a new pact is concluded. The League Council's indictment of Germany will not necessarily affect the question of Germany's return to the League, according to official circles, which regard the two questions as "separate." There was great activity in Government circles last night. In this connection Dr. Goebbels' hasty flight back to Berlin from Breslau is taken to indicate that important discussions are being held.

PARIS: Satisfaction is expressed in authoritative quarters at the Locarno agreement, particularly because the impression had been gained that Franco-British co-operation has been re-established, although not without difficulty. Immediately after arriving from

London M. Flandin conferred with the Premier, M. Sarraut.

APPROVAL OF TEXT
London, Later: The Cabinet has approved of the text of the Locarno Powers agreement.

PARIS: The Council of Ministers has unanimously approved of the Locarno Powers agreement—Reuter.

*COMMONS STATEMENT
London: The Cabinet met at 10 p.m. yesterday and sat till 11.30 p.m. Mr. Baldwin or Mr. Eden will make a statement in the House of Commons at about 3.30 p.m. to-day. It will be accompanied by a White Paper containing the text of the proposals. The Cabinet also considered Mr. Eden's report on his conversations with Herr von Ribbentrop.

FRENCH COUNCIL MEETING
Paris: The Council of Ministers met at 9 p.m. yesterday under the presidency of M. Lebrun, and concluded their meeting at 11.40 p.m. A communique states that M. Flandin recounted the results of the negotiations in London. The Council unanimously approved M. Flandin's declaration and thanked and congratulated him and M. Paul-Boncour for the energy with which they had defended the interests of France and of peace. M. Flandin will make a statement in the Chamber to-day—Reuter.

*SATISFACTORY PROGRESS
London: Discussions between Great Britain, France, Belgium and Italy, which broke up after 3½ hours at 2 a.m. yesterday, were resumed for 1½ hours yesterday afternoon before the meeting of the Council. Statements issued later by the Foreign Office and the French delegation declare that a great deal of satisfactory progress has been made in the task untravelling pursued, of securing a common outlook among the Locarno Powers other than Germany. The delegates of the four Powers have together arrived at a basis of the text which, when it has been put into form, will be submitted to the respective Governments. The Governments retain full liberty of judgment in the matter.

M. Flandin and M. van Zeeland returned by air yesterday afternoon to consult with the French and Belgian Cabinets. The Foreign Secretary went on from the Council yesterday afternoon to a meeting of the British Cabinet in the Prime Minister's room at the House of Commons—British Wireless Service.

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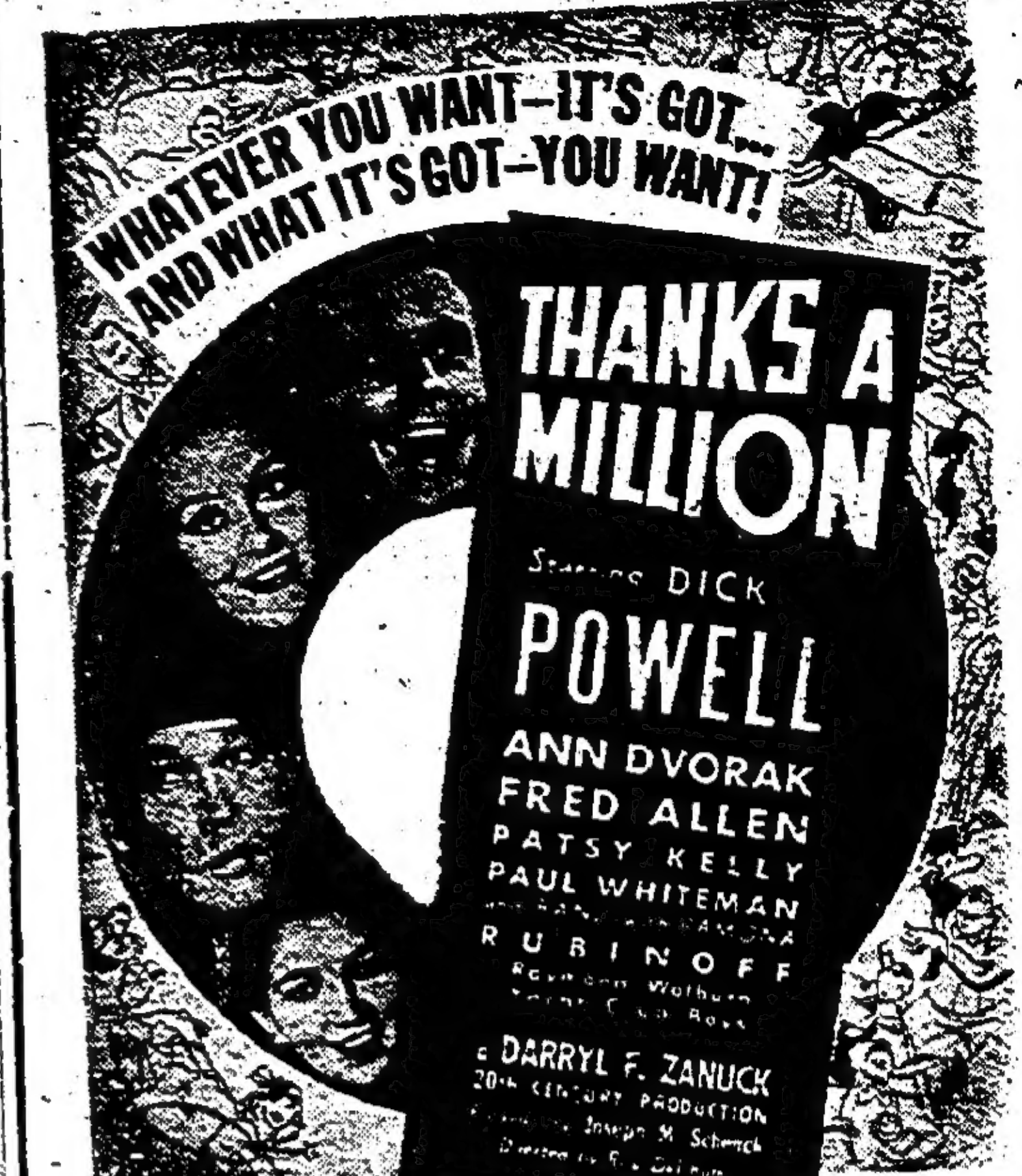
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Madame Tabouis holds that with the return of Germany to participation in international affairs the most momentous part of the Fuehrer's programme begins, and at last, so the French woman journalist, whose opinion on foreign political matters is usually taken seriously, thinks, Herr Hitler has selected the moment where he has the maximum possibility of attaining his object. — Trans-Ocean Service.

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